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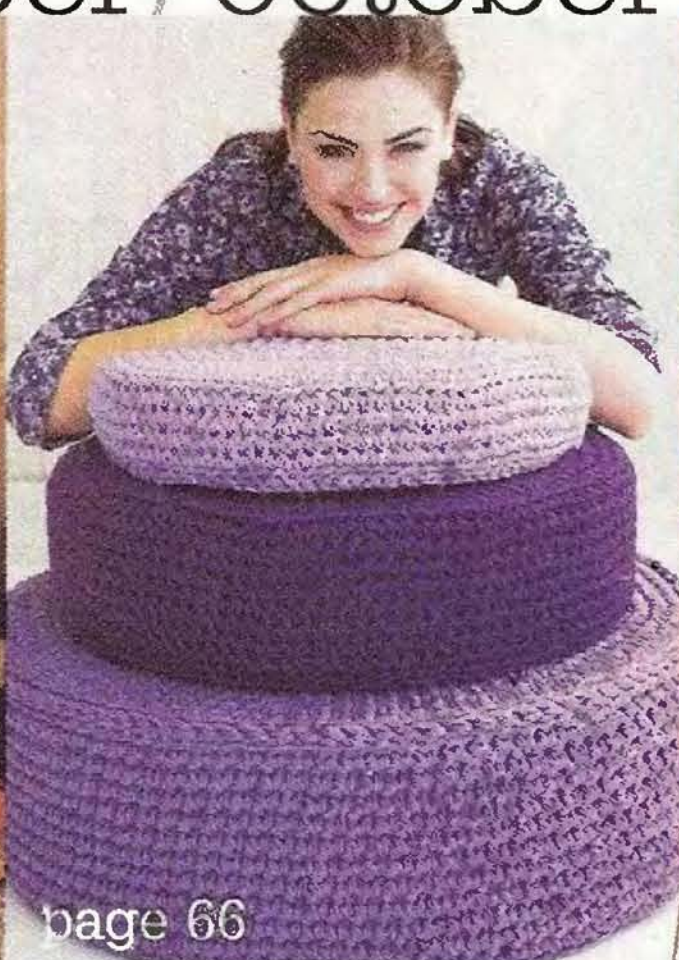baby **style**

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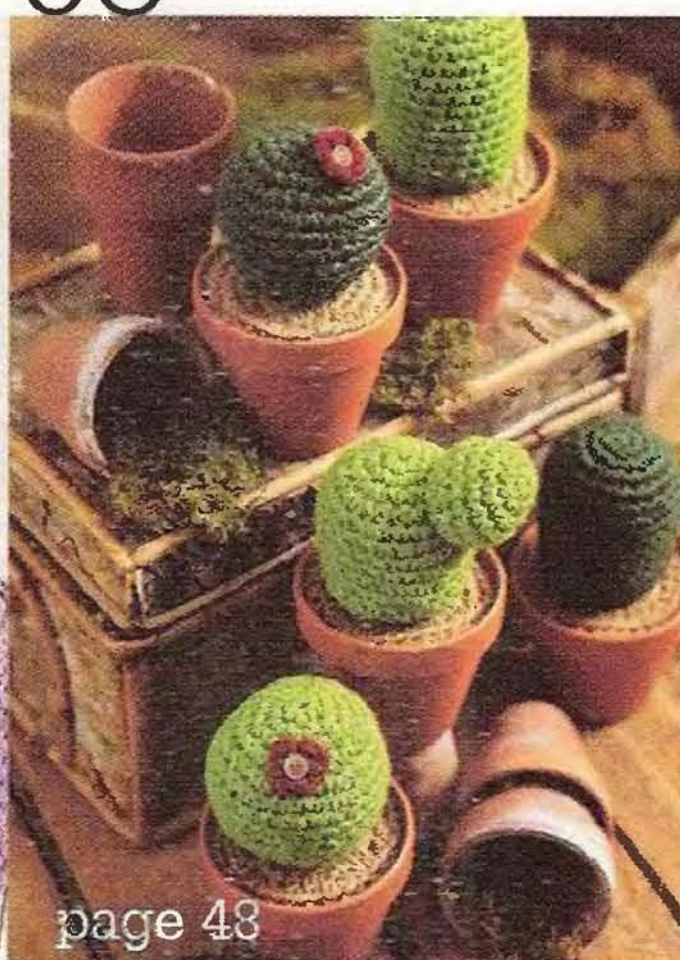
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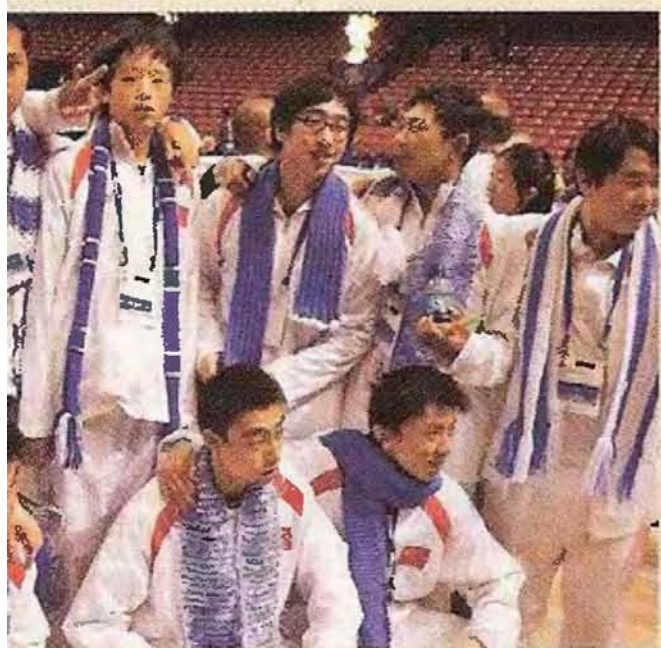
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For our overseas readers:
U.S. crochet terms vary from those used in Australia and the U.K. Turn to page 101 for a list of translations.

Left: ATHLETES FROM AROUND THE WORLD WORE THEIR SCARVES WITH PRIDE. Right: MUFFLERS OF ALL STYLES ARE WELCOME.

Special Delivery

Put your hooks to work to stitch up some support for the Special Olympics World Winter Games By Daryl Brower

When the athletes participating in the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games walk into the Idaho Center in Nampa, Idaho on February 7, 2009, they'll share more than just a determination to demonstrate their athletic skills. They'll also show their connection to their communities by wearing blue and white scarves, hand-knit or crocheted by volunteers from around the country.

The Special Olympics provides year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of sports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities, helping them to develop physical fitness, experience courage and share friendships with their fellow athletes. The Special Olympics World Winter Games Scarf Project, now in its second year, expands that sharing to the surrounding community. The program began when World Winter Games organizers decided to give handcrafted scarves to athletes to wear to the Games' opening ceremony. They asked local crafters to contribute—to their surprise, their Idaho headquarters was soon flooded with more than 1,000 handmade scarves.
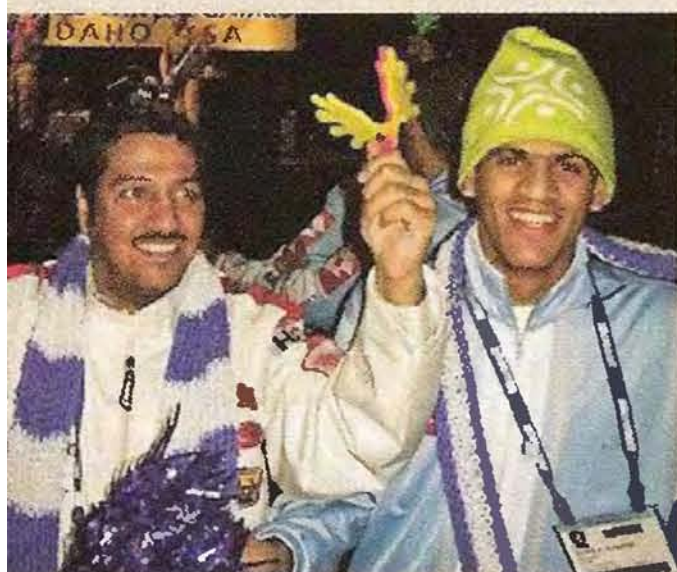
This year the World Winter Games aims to gift a scarf to each athlete, the delegates supporting them and various dignitaries who will be visiting the games—and they need your help to meet their mark. "Our goal is to see 5,000 scarves donated. It's a big number, but I'm confident we can do it," says Vicki Blizzard, media relations and promotions director for Coats and Clark, the sponsor of the project. "Knitters and crocheters are a dedicated and generous bunch."

No specific pattern, skill or style is required to knit a Special Olympics World Winter Games scarf, and beginners, schools, scout troops and other youth groups are actively encouraged to participate. "Our only rule is that the scarf be knit or crocheted by hand using Red Heart Super Saver yarn in both delft blue and white, the official colors of the Games," says Blizzard.

Last year's scarves were as varied as the athletes, ranging from simple stripes to striking snowflake designs, while stitches ran the gamut from basic single crochet to complicated cables and openwork patterns. Personal notes from the volunteers to the athletes were attached to each scarf, which were handed out right before the opening ceremony.

David Gish, a Special Olympics Idaho athlete who received a muffler when he competed in the 2008 Special Olympics Invitational Winter Games in February, says his scarf is a symbolic memento from the event. "Getting the scarves was very special for the athletes because we knew someone spent their time to make them especially for us," said Gish. "It is something I will have forever and I know

they will be just as special to the athletes next year at the World Winter Games."

Blizzard is confident that this year's donations will be equally inspiring. "It's just such a feel-good project," she says. "You get to do something you love to do, share your craft with someone who will truly appreciate it and show your support for a great program." ■

get stitching!

Use our pattern on this page, choose one online (see below) or design your own. Finished scarves must arrive by January 15, 2009, and should be sent to:

Special Olympics Scarf Project
3150 West Main Street
Boise, ID 83702

For more information about the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, visit 2009worldgames.org.

More free patterns and details about the Special Olympics World Winter Games Scarf Project can be found at coatsandclark.com and redheart.com.

Crochet Today's *Special Scarf*

By Faith Hale

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SKILL LEVEL: beginner

finished measurements

Approx 5"/12.5cm wide x 60"/152.5cm long (including fringe)

what you'll need

YARN
RED HEART *Super Saver*, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)
- 1 skein #885 Delft Blue (A)
- 1 skein #316 Soft White (B)

CROCHET HOOK
- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or *any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS
- Yarn needle

gauge

12 stitches and 7 rows = 4"/10cm over double crochet.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

SCARF

With A, chain 164.

Row 1 Double crochet in 3rd chain from hook beginning chain counts as first double crochet), double crochet in each remaining chain across—163 double crochet (including beginning chain). Fasten off A.

Row 2 Turn, join B by pulling up a loop in first stitch, chain 2 (counts as first double crochet here and throughout), double crochet in each stitch across. Fasten off B.

Row 3 Turn, join A by pulling up a loop in first stitch, chain 2, double crochet in each stitch across. Fasten off A.

Rows 4–9 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 three times.

finishing

Weave in all ends.

fringe

Cut 20 12"/30.5cm lengths of A and 16 12"/30.5cm lengths of B. For each fringe: Hold 2 strands together and fold in half. Insert hook in edge of scarf, draw fold through, draw strands through folded end and pull to tighten. Make and attach one A-colored fringe to the end of each B-colored row, and one B-colored fringe to the end of each A-colored row. Trim fringe as desired. ■

cable rerun

We reworked a classic afghan from the past into a chunky throw for today.

When we came across this Aran-style, mock-cable afghan in the archives, we thought it was pretty—and that it had the potential to be even more fabulous. We decided to take things up a notch with a fiery ombre yarn in a bulky gauge, adding even more pop to this already textured pattern. The result is a lush, plush accent piece that will add a shock of vibrant color to any room.

RED HEART
BOOK NO. 333

Afghan Savings
with Super Saver

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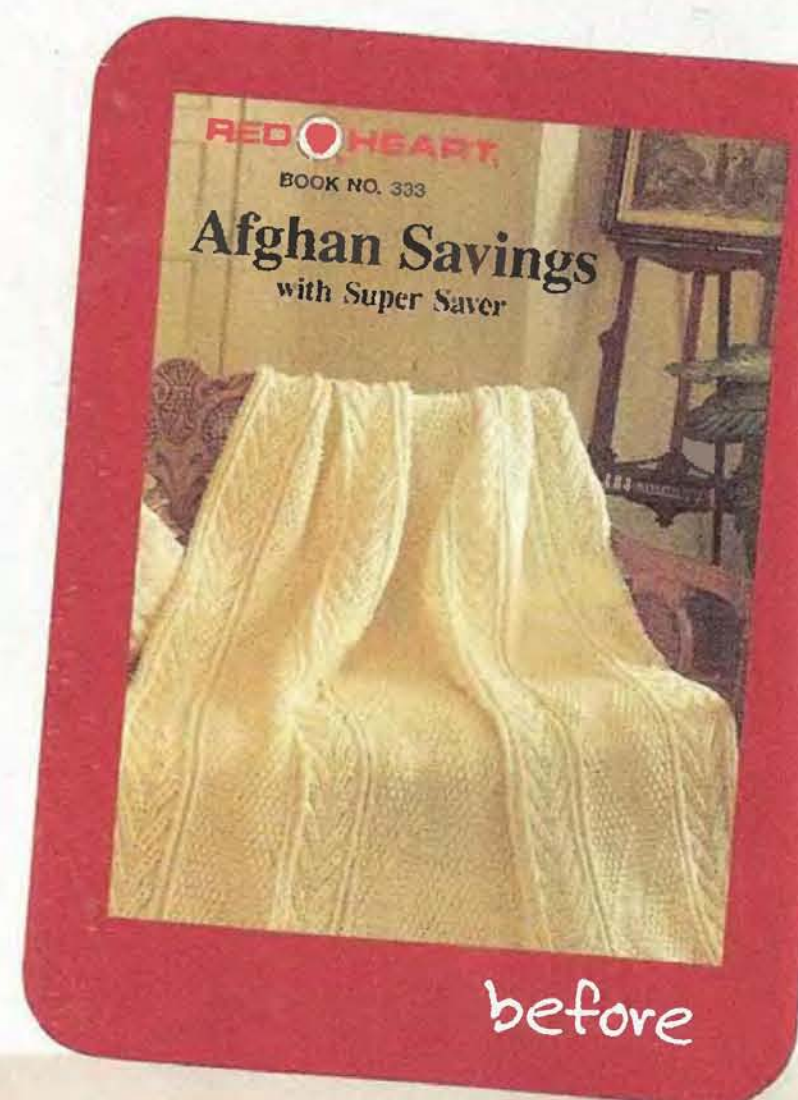
what you'll need

YARN
MODA DEA *Tweedle Dee*, 3.52oz/100g balls, each approx 155yd/142m (acrylic/wool/rayon)
■ 18 balls #8915 Fireside

CROCHET HOOK
■ Size K/10½ (6.5mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS
■ Stitch markers (optional)
■ Yarn needle

the yarn

🧶 **5** *Tweedle Dee* in Fireside

tip

To help keep your place and make counting rows easier, insert a stitch marker in every 10th row.

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SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements
Approx 42"/106.5cm wide x 65"/165cm high

gauge
8 sc and 9 sc rows = 3"/7.6cm
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 9.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—8 sc.

Rows 2-9 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Swatch should measure approx 3"/7.5cm square. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

AFGHAN
Center V-Strip
Ch 19.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—18 sc (Row 1 of Chart A complete).

Rows 2-16 Work in sc, puff st, rope st, and fpdc, following Chart A. Work all odd-numbered Rows from A to B; all even-numbered Rows from B to A.

Rows 17-196 Repeat Rows 9-16, 22 more times, then repeat Rows 9-12 once. At end of last Row, fasten off.

Right V-Strip
Ch 21.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across – 20 sc (Row 1 of Chart A complete).

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s) chain(s)
dc double crochet
lp(s) loop(s)
rem remain(ing)
sc single crochet
sk skip
st(s) stitch(es)
tog together

tr treble crochet
yo yarn over
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

special abbreviations

puff st (puff stitch) *Yo, insert hook in next corresponding sc two Rows below, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook; repeat from * once in same st; yo and draw through rem 3 lps on hook. Sk sc behind puff st.

rope st (rope stitch) [Yo, insert hook around post of rope st (or puff st) two Rows below, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice; yo and draw through rem 3 lps on hook. Sk sc behind rope st.

fpdc (front post dc) Yo, insert hook around post of next designated sc (or fpdc) two Rows below, yo and draw up a lp, [yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice. Sk sc behind fpdc.

Rows 2-16 Work in sc, puff st, rope st, and fpdc, following Chart A. Work all odd-numbered Rows from C to B; all even-numbered Rows from B to C.

Rows 17-196 Repeat Rows 9-16, 22 more times, then repeat Rows 9-12 once. At end of last row, fasten off.

Left V-Strip
Ch 21.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

after

rem ch across—20 sc (Row 1 of Chart A complete).

Rows 2-16 Work in sc, puff st, rope st, and fpdc, following Chart A. Work all odd-numbered Rows from A to D; all even-numbered Rows from D to A.

Rows 17-196 Repeat Rows 9-16, 22 more times, then repeat Rows 9-12 once. At end of last Row, fasten off.

Right Zig-Zag Strip
Ch 28.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—27 sc (Row 1 of Chart B complete).

Rows 2-51 Work in sc, puff st, rope st, and tr, following Chart B. Work all odd-numbered Rows from right to left; all even-numbered

Rows from left to right.

Rows 52-147 Repeat Rows 4-51, 2 more times.

Rows 148-194 Repeat Rows 4-50, 1 more time.

Rows 195 and 196 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across—27 sc. At end of last Row, fasten off.

Left Zig-Zag Strip
Work same as Right Zig-Zag Strip, working all odd-numbered Rows from left to right; all even-numbered Rows from right to left.

assembly
With right sides facing, sew strips tog in this order from left to right: Left V-Strip, Left Zig-Zag Strip, Center V-Strip, Right Zig-Zag Strip, Right V-Strip. ∎

CHART KEY
☐ = sc
Ⓞ = puff st 2 rows below
℧ = rope st
▯ = FPdc in corresponding st 2 rows below
╱ = FPdc in 1 st to the left 2 rows below
╲ = FPdc in 1 st to the right 2 rows below
▣ = tr

CHART A
(CENTER, RIGHT AND LEFT V-STRIPS)

CHART B
(RIGHT AND LEFT ZIG-ZAG STRIP)
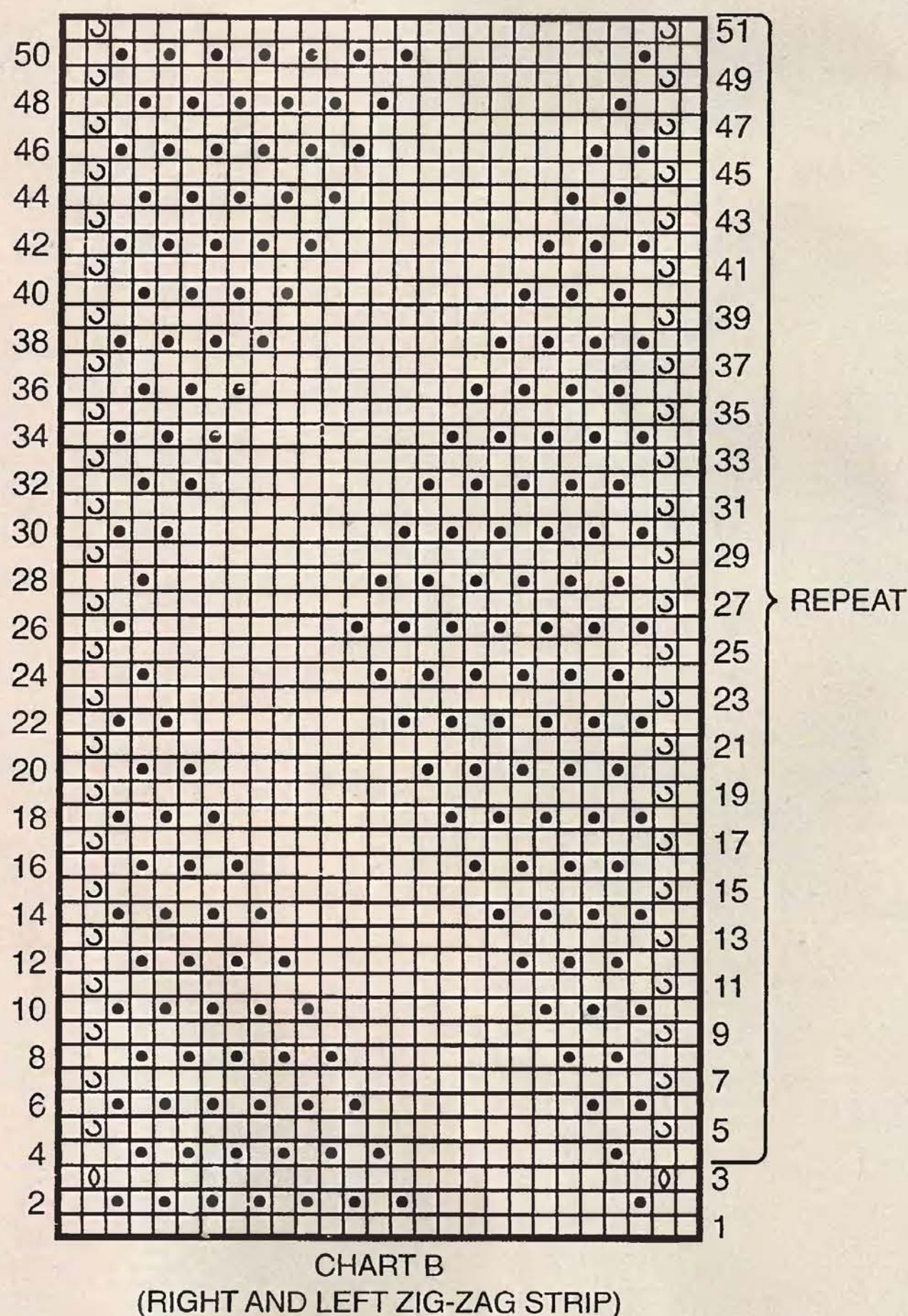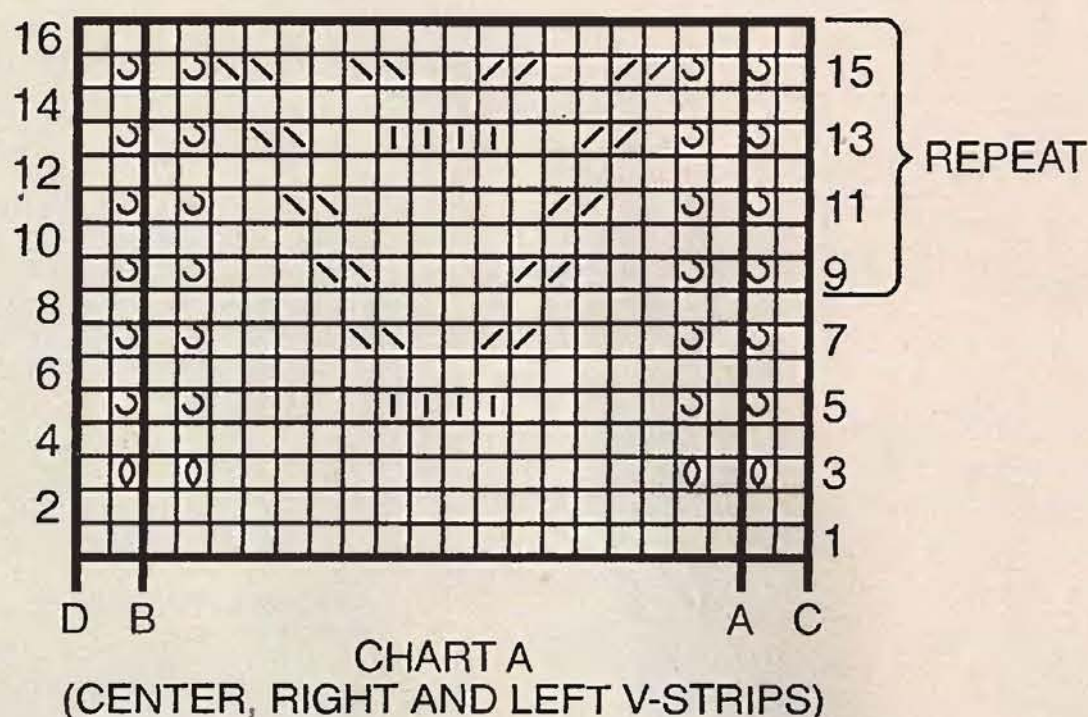
Desert Bloom

As summer gives way to crisp, cool fall, it's time to cozy up and crochet. In this issue, the beautiful Southwest inspires soothing décor, plus sweater-weather fashions for everyone—even the dog! So sip some cider, contemplate a cactus, and stitch away.

crochet today!

star-studded sweater

A celestial intarsia yoke takes this classic pullover beyond the basics.

By Elena Malo

the yarn

Bamboo Wool in Heather Grey
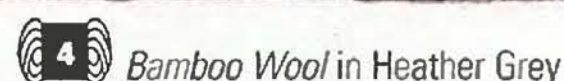
SKILL LEVEL: experienced

sizes

S (M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

finished measurements

bust: 32 (37, 40, 45, 48, 53)"/81.5 (94, 101.5, 114, 122, 134.5)cm

length: 22½ (23, 23½, 23½, 23½, 23½)/57 (58.5, 59.5, 59.5, 59.5, 59.5)cm

gauge

16 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet;

6 pattern repeats = 4"/10cm over body picot stitch pattern;

13 sts (6 ch-1 sps) = 4"/10cm in neck (yoke) trim pattern.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

Ch 17.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—16 sc.

Rows 2–18 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

notes

1 Sweater is worked from top of neckline to hemline in one piece.

2 Before beginning, prepare the yarn bobbins. Wind 8 (9, 9, 10, 11, 12) bobbins with B, 14 (16, 16, 18, 20, 22) bobbins with C, and 7 (8, 8, 9, 10, 11) bobbins with D. Use one bobbin of B to span 2 repeats in the first 8 Rows and last 5 Rows of the intarsia chart.

3 To change color: Work last stitch of old color to last yo, yo with new color and draw through all lps on hook to complete stitch. Continue work with new color.

4 Work intarsia yoke following row-by-row instructions or by referring to the intarsia chart.

YOKE

sizes M (L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

With C, ch 90 (94, 98, 106, 112).

Set-Up Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—89 (93, 97, 105, 111) sts.

Set-Up Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, inc 8 (4, 12, 16, 22) sts evenly spaced across Row; change to B in last st—97 (97, 109, 121, 133) sts.

intarsia section

note When following chart, the "no stitch" squares should be ignored in each row; these are areas where inc will take place in later Rows.

size S only:

With C, ch 86; change to B in last ch.

Row 1 (intarsia chart row 1) With B, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 ch; change to C, sc in next ch; *change to B, sc in next 5 ch; change to C, sc in next ch; repeat from * 12 more times; change to B, sc in last ch—85 sts.

sizes M (L, 1X, 2X, 3X) only:

Row 1 (intarsia chart row 1) With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts; change to C, sc in next st; *change to B, sc in next 5 sts; change to C, sc in next st; repeat from * 14 (14, 16, 18, 20) more times; change to B, sc in last st—97 (97, 109, 121, 133) sts.

star-studded
sweater

CHART KEY

☐ = Ivory (B)
▨ = Heather Grey (C)
🟥 = Chili Pepper (D)
🟦 = No stitch

all sizes:

Row 2 (intarsia chart row 2) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st; *change to C, sc in next st; change to B, sc in next 5 sts; repeat from * across.

Row 3 (intarsia chart row 3) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 5 sts; change to C, sc in next st; change to B repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st.

Row 4 (intarsia chart row 4) Repeat Row 2.

Row 5 (intarsia chart row 5–inc) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; change to C, sc in next st; change to B; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st—99 (113, 113, 127, 141, 155) sts.

Row 6 (intarsia chart row 6) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st; *change to C, sc in next st; change to B, sc in next 6 sts; repeat from * across.

Row 7 (intarsia chart row 7) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 6 sts; change to C, sc in next st; change to B; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st.

Row 8 (intarsia chart row 8) Repeat Row 6.

Row 9 (intarsia chart row 9–inc) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; change to D, sc in next st; change to B, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st—113 (129, 129, 145, 161, 177) sts.

Row 10 (intarsia chart row 10) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, *sc in next 7 sts; change to D, sc in next 3 sts; change to B, sc in next 6 sts; repeat from * across.

Row 11 (intarsia chart row 11) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 6 sts; change to D, sc in next 3 sts; change to B, sc in next 7 sts; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st.

Row 12 (intarsia chart row 12) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, *sc in next 3 sts; change to D, sc in next 11 sts; change to B, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * across.

Row 13 (intarsia chart row 13–inc) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st; change to D, sc in next 9 sts; change to B, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st—127 (145, 145, 163, 181, 199) sts.

Row 14 (intarsia chart row 14) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, *sc in next 6 sts, change to D, sc in next 7 sts; change to B, sc in next 5 sts; repeat from * across.

Row 15 (intarsia chart row 15) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 6 sts; change to D, sc in next 5 sts; change to B, sc in next 7 sts; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st.

Row 16 (intarsia chart row 16) Repeat Row 14.

Row 17 (intarsia chart row 17–inc) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st; change to D, sc in next 9 sts; change to B, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; repeat from *, across to last st; sc in last st—141 (161, 161, 181, 201, 221) sts.

Row 18 (intarsia chart row 18) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, *sc in next 5 sts; change to D, sc in next 11 sts; change to B, sc in next 4 sts; repeat from * across.

Row 19 (intarsia chart row 19) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 8 sts, change to D, sc in next 3 sts; change to B, sc in next 9 sts; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st.

Row 20 (intarsia chart row 20) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st *sc in last 9 sts, change to D, sc in next 3 sts; change to B, sc in next 8 sts; repeat from * across.

REPEAT

18 (18 ½, 20, 20½, 22½, 23½)"

5½ (6, 6½, 6½, 6½, 6½)"

10"

17"

7½"

9½ (10, 9½, 9½, 10, 10½)"

32 (37, 40, 45, 48, 53)"

Row 21 (intarsia chart row 21–inc) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; change to D, sc in next st; change to B, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st— 155 (177, 177, 199, 221, 243) sts.

Row 22 (intarsia chart row 22) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st; *change to C, sc in next st; change to B, sc in next 10 sts; repeat from * across.

Row 23 (intarsia chart row 23) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 10 sts; change to C, sc in next st; change to B; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st.

Row 24 (intarsia chart row 24) Repeat Row 22.

Row 25 (intarsia chart row 25 - inc) Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; change to C, sc in next st; change to B, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; change to C, sc in next st; change to B; repeat from * across to last st; sc in last st—169 (193, 193, 217, 241, 265) sts.

Row 26 (intarsia chart row 26) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st; *change to C, sc in next st; change to B, sc in next 11 sts; repeat from * across.

sizes L (1X, 2X, 3X) only:
Row 27 Ch 1, turn, *sc in next 11 sts; change to C, sc in next st; change to B; repeat from * increasing 14 (10, 0, 0) sts evenly spaced across row (worked in B-colored sections), ending sc in last st—207 (227, 241, 265) sts.

all sizes:
Fasten off.

edge yoke
With right side facing, join B with sl st in corner of Yoke; working in ends of rows along side edge, sl st in end of each Row—26 (28, 29, 29, 29, 29) sl sts. Fasten off. Repeat along other side edge.

With right side facing, join C with sl st in lower corner of yoke.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc in each sl st along side edge, ch 4; pivot to work along opposite side of foundation ch (neck edge), sk first 1 (2, 0, 1, 0, 0) sts, dc in next st, *ch 1, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st; repeat from * to last 2 sts, ch 4 (counts as ch 1, dc), sk next st, sl st in last st; pivot to work along opposite side edge, sc in each sl st across side edge to last sl st, 3 sc in last sl st;

pivot to work in sts of last row of yoke, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st; join with sl st in first sc—neck edge has 29 (30, 32, 33, 36, 38) ch-sps (including ch-4 sps at each end).

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in first 3 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6) sts, *ch 3, sk next 3 sts (buttonhole made), sc in next 7 sts; repeat from * once more; ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in foundation ch at corner (last buttonhole made); work 5 sc in corner ch-4 sp, sc in each dc and ch-1 sp across neck edge; pivot to work along side edge, work 3 sc around post of first dc, sc in each st across side edge; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Overlap ½"/1.5cm of lower edge of buttonhole band over other side edge and sew in place.

mark for back, front and sleeves
Lay yoke flat with front facing and buttonhole band along one side edge. Place a stitch marker on either side of the center 54 (64, 69, 79, 84, 94) sts for front. Place another stitch marker 30 (32, 34, 34, 36, 38) sts past each front marker for sleeves; sk 1 st at overlap when counting for one sleeve. The remaining 54 (64, 69, 79, 84, 94) sts are for the back.

BACK
With right side facing, join A in first back st.

Row 1 (set-up – right side) Ch 4 (counts as hdc, ch 2 here and throughout), sk first st, sc in next st, sk next st, *sc in next st, ch 3, sc in next st, sk next st, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next st, sk next st; repeat from * to last st, (sc, ch 2, hdc) in last st—22 (26, 28, 32, 34, 38) ch-spaces.

Row 2 Ch 4, turn, sc in first ch-sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-3 sp to last ch-sp, (sc, ch 2, hdc) in last ch-sp.

Row 3 (inc) Ch 4, turn, sc in first hdc (inc made), ch 3, sc in first ch-sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-3 sp to last ch-sp, (sc, ch 3, sc, ch 2, hdc) in last ch-sp (inc made)—24 (28, 30, 34, 36, 40) ch-spaces.

Repeat Row 2 until back measures 17"/43cm from yoke. End with a right side row. Fasten off.

FRONT
Work in same manner as for back.

SLEEVE
With right side facing, join A in first sleeve st.

Row 1 (set-up – right side) Ch 4 (counts as hdc, ch 2 here and throughout), sc in first st, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in next st, sk next st; repeat from * to last st, (sc, ch 2, hdc) in last st—16 (17, 18, 18, 19, 20) ch-spaces.

Row 2 Ch 4, turn, sc in first ch-sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-3 sp to last ch-sp, (sc, ch 2, hdc) in last ch-sp.

Row 3 (inc) Ch 4, turn, sc in first hdc (inc made), ch 3, sc in first ch-sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-3 sp to last ch-sp, (sc, ch 3, sc, ch 2, hdc) in last ch-sp (inc made)—18 (19, 20, 20, 21, 22) ch-spaces.

Repeat Row 2 until sleeve measures 10"/25.5cm from yoke.

shape sleeve
Next Row (dec) Ch 2, turn, sk first ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-3 sp to last ch-sp, hdc in last ch-sp.

Next Row (dec) Ch 4, turn, sc in first ch-3 sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-3 sp to turning ch, (sc, ch 2, hdc) in turning ch—16 (17, 18, 18, 19, 20) ch-spaces.

Next 6 (6, 3, 3, 3, 3) Rows Ch 4, turn, sc in first ch-sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-3 sp to last ch-sp, (sc, ch 2, hdc) in last ch-sp.

Next 2 Rows (dec) Repeat dec rows—14 (15, 16, 16, 17, 18) ch-spaces.

sizes L (1X, 2X, 3X) only:
Repeat last 5 rows once more—14 (14, 15, 16) ch-spaces.

Repeat Row 2 until sleeve measures 17½"/44.5cm from yoke. End with a right side row.

cuff trim
With right side facing, join C with sc in first ch-sp.

Row 1 Ch 1, work 2 more sc in first ch-sp, 3 sc in each ch-sp across.

Row 2 Ch 4, turn, sk first 1 (2, 1, 1, 2, 1) st(s), dc in next st, *ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st; repeat from * across. Fasten off. Repeat on other sleeve.

finishing
Sew raglan edges of first 6 Rows of front and back to sides of first 6 Rows of sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew buttons along edge of Yoke, opposite buttonholes. Weave in all ends. ∎

sunburst bowl

Tapestry crochet creates brilliant sections of color in this stunning piece. Use it to corral jewelry, or simply display it on its own.

By Carol Ventura

SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

sizes
Approx 10"/25.5cm diameter x 1¼"/3cm high

gauge
Rounds 1–8 = 2¾"/7cm diameter

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Rounds 1-8 Work same as Rounds 1-8 on basket. Swatch should measure approx 2¾"/7cm diameter. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

notes
1 This project is worked in a spiral. To keep track of where each round ends, place stitch marker in top of last st of round. Remove stitch marker from last st and place it in new last st at end of each round.

2 Tapestry crochet is worked by carrying unused thread(s) over top 2 loops of sts in previous round while working sts over carried thread(s), encasing thread(s) inside sts.

3 To change colors, work st until 2 loops remain on hook; drop working thread, yarn over with next color thread and complete st. Carry old color with other carried threads.

BASKET
With A, ch 4, leaving a 12"/30.5cm tail; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Work 6 sc in ring while carrying tail – 6 sc.

Round 2 Carry A tail and start to carry B. With A, work 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Round 3 Carry A tail and B and start to carry C. With A, work 2 sc in each sc around – 24 sc.

Round 4 Carry A tail and B and C and start to carry D. With A, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 11 more times – 36 sc.

Round 5 Carry A tail and B, C and D and start to carry E. With A, *sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 11 more times – 48 sc.

Round 6 Cut A tail, carry B, C, D and E and start to carry F. With A, *sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 11 more times—60 sc.

note
Always carry 5 threads not in use throughout rest of basket.

Round 7 With A, *sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 11 more times – 72 sc.

Round 8 With A, *sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 11 more times – 84 sc.

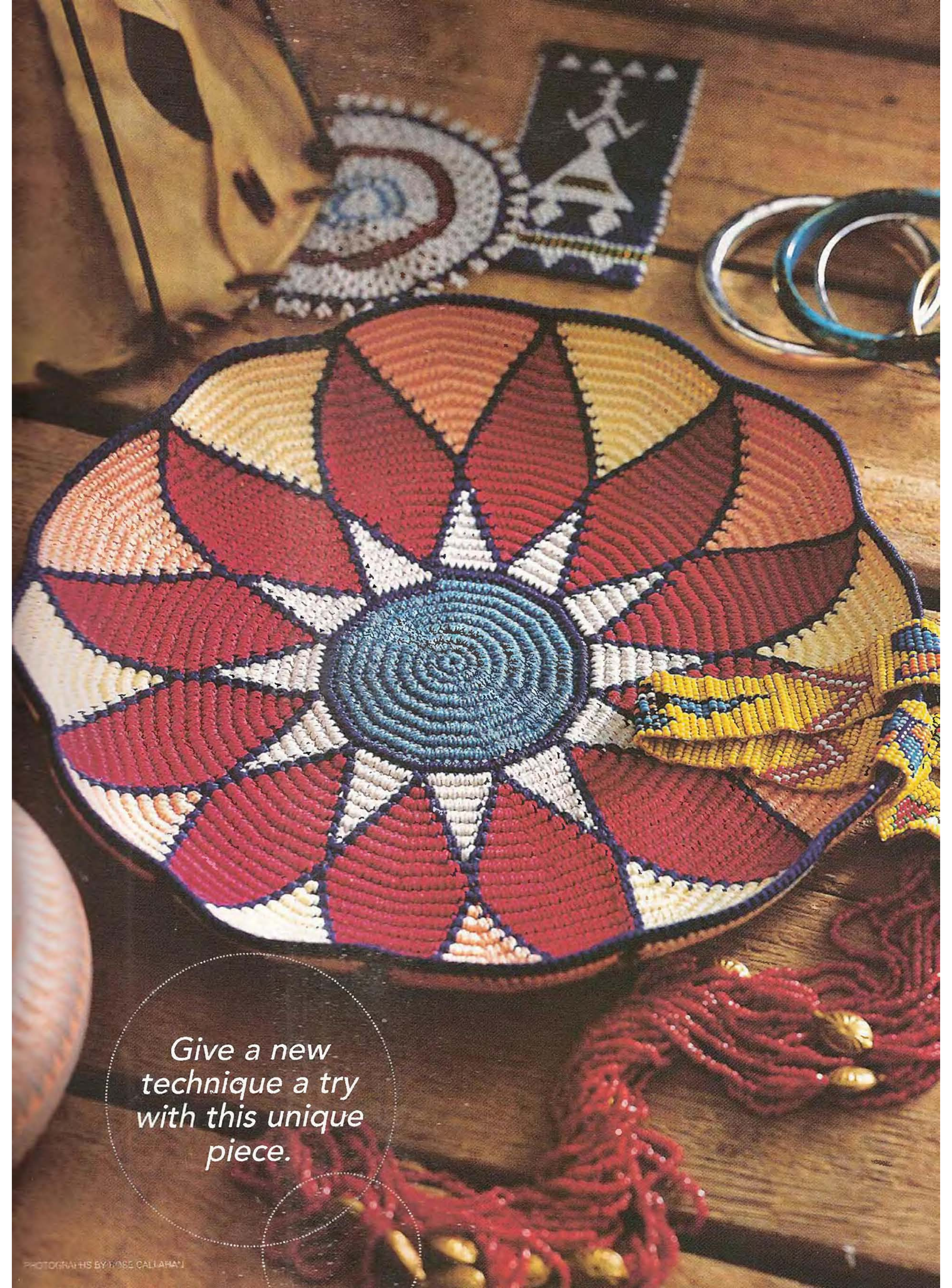**Round 9** With B, *sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 11 more times – 96 sc.

Round 10 *Sc in next 7 sc with C, 2 sc in next sc with B; repeat from * 11 more times – 108 sc.

Round 11 *Sc in next sc with B, sc in next 6 sc with C, sc in next sc with B, 2 sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times – 120 sc.

Round 12 *Sc in next sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 5 sc with C, sc in next sc with B, sc in next sc with D, 2 sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times – 132 sc.

Round 13 *Sc in next 2 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 4 sc with C, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 2 sc with D, 2 sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times – 144 sc.

Round 14 *Sc in next 3 sc with D, sc in next sc with

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*Give a new technique a try with this unique piece.*

sunburst
bowl

WORKING THE TAPESTRY CROCHET

a Tapestry crochet is worked by carrying the nonworking threads over the top 2 loops of the stitches in the previous round while working new stitches over the carried threads, encasing them inside the current stitch.

b To change colors, work the current stitch until two loops remain on hook; drop the working thread, pick up a new color from the carried threads and yarn over with new thread; complete the stitch. Carry the old color along with the other carried threads.
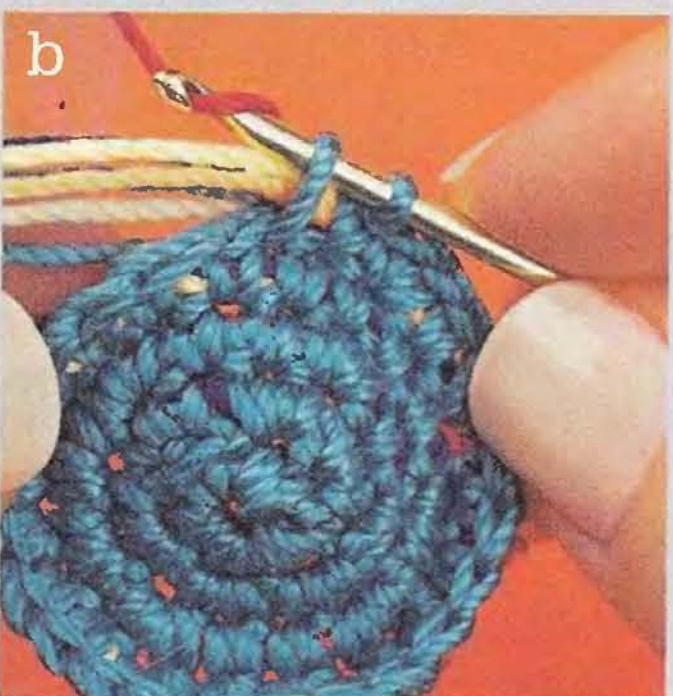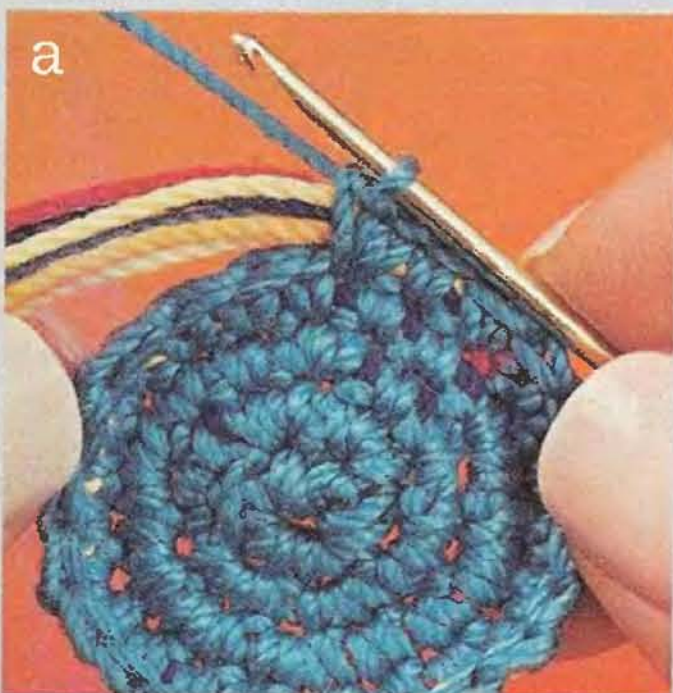
B, sc in next 3 sc with C, sc in next sc with B, in next 3 sc with D, 2 sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times—156 sc.

Round 15 *Sc in next 4 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 2 sc with C, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 4 sc with D, 2 sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times—168 sc.

Round 16 *Sc in next 5 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next sc with C, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 5 sc with D, 2 sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times—180 sc.

Round 17 *Sc in next 6 sc with D, sc in next 2 sc with B, sc in next 6 sc with D, 2 sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times—192 sc.

Round 18 *Sc in next 7 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 7 sc with D, 2 sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times—204 sc.

Round 19 *Sc in next 7 sc with D, 2 sc in next sc with B, sc in next 9 sc with D; repeat from * 11 more times—216 sc.

Round 20 *Sc in next 7 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 15 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 8 sc with D; repeat from * 5 more times—228 sc.

Round 21 *Sc in next 7 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 14 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next sc with F, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 7 sc with D; repeat from * 5 more times—240 sc.

Round 22 *Sc in next 7 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 2 sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next 2 sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 13 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 2 sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next 2 sc with F, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 6 sc with D; repeat from * 5 more times—252 sc.

Round 23 *Sc in next 7 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 3 sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next 3 sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 12 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 3 sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next 3 sc with F, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 5 sc with D; repeat from * 5 more times—264 sc.

Round 24 *Sc in next 7 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 4 sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next 4 sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 11 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 4 sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next 4 sc with F, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 4 sc with D; repeat from * 5 more times—276 sc.

Round 25 *Sc in next 7 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 5 sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next 5 sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 10 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 5 sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next 5 sc with F, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 3 sc with D; repeat from * 5 more times—288 sc.

Round 26 *Sc in next sc with D, sc2tog with D, sc in next 4 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 6 sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next 6 sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 3 sc with D, sc2tog with D, sc in next 4 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 6 sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next 6 sc with F, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 2 sc with D; repeat from * 5 more times.

Round 27 *Sc in next sc with D, sc2tog with D, sc in next 3 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 7 sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next 7 sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 2 sc with D, sc2tog with D, sc in next 3 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 7 sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next 7 sc with F, sc in next sc with B, sc in next sc with D; repeat from * 5 more times.

Round 28 *Sc in next sc with D, sc2tog with D, sc in next 2 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 8 sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next 8 sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc in next sc with D, sc2tog with D, sc in next 2 sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 8 sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next 8 sc with F, sc in next sc with B; repeat from * 5 more times; sc in first sc with D—289 sc.

Round 29 *Sc2tog with D, sc in next sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 9 sc with E, 2 sc in next sc with E, sc in next 9 sc with E, sc in next sc with B, sc2tog with D, sc in next sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 9 sc with F, 2 sc in next sc with F, sc in next 9 sc with F, sc in next sc with B; repeat from * 5 more times; sc in first sc with D.

Round 30 *Sc in next sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 21 sc with E, sc in next sc with

B, sc in next sc with D, sc in next sc with B, sc in next 21 sc with F, sc in next sc with B; repeat from * 5 more times; sc in first sc with D.

**Round 31** *Sc in next sc with B, sc in next 22 sc with E, sc in next 2 sc with B, sc in next 22 sc with F, sc in next sc with B; repeat from * 5 more times—288 sc.

Round 32 *With B throughout, sc in next 57 sc, cut one carried thread; repeat from * 4 more times; sc in next 3 sc; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long end.

finishing

Weave in ends. Block with a steam iron. ■

SHADED AREA=PATTERN REPEAT
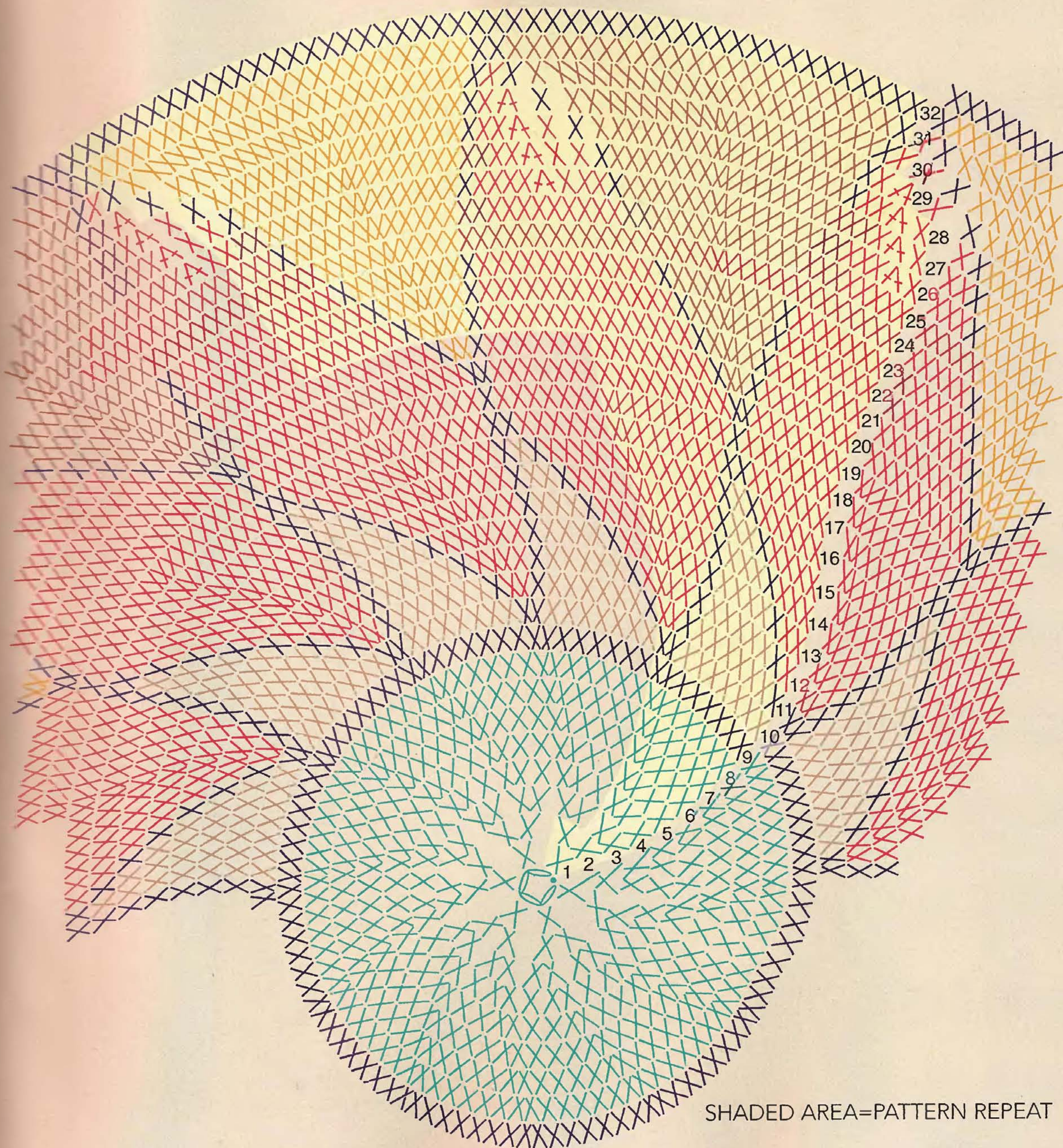
perfect fall sweater

A textured stitch pattern makes a lush, plush fabric for this comfy cover-up, while tailor-made details like pleats and toggles create a unique structure.

By Mari Lynn Patrick

the yarn

(4) *Amoré* in Vanilla

SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

sizes
S (M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

finished measurements
bust: 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56)"/91.5 (101.5, 111.5, 122, 132, 142)cm

length: 34 (34, 34, 35, 35, 35)"/86.5 (86.5, 86.5, 89, 89, 89)cm

gauge
12 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10cm over Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 13.

Rows 1–16 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern—12 sts.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/ 10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note
Stitch counts are given for individual stitches and for the number of (hdc, sl st) groups. Count whichever of these is easier for you.

CRUNCH STITCH PATTERN (multiple of 2 sts; plus 1 for foundation ch)
Row 1 (right side) Sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), turn, sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across.

Repeat Row 2 for Crunch Stitch Pattern.

BACK
Ch 87 (91, 99, 103, 111, 115).

**Row 1** Sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch;

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch chain	**sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet	**st(s)** stitch(es)
dec decrease	**tr** treble crochet
dtr double treble crochet	**yo** yarn over
hdc half double crochet	* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
inc increase	
lp(s) loop(s)	( ) Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.
rem remain(ing)	
sc single crochet	[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
sk skip	

special technique

surface slip stitch Make a slip knot, but do not place it on hook. Hold slip knot on wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from right side of fabric through to wrong side. Place slip knot on hook, draw loop to right side. Insert hook from right side to wrong side through next desired stitch or space, yo, draw lp to right side and through lp on hook (surface slip stitch made). To end a line of surface slip stitches, draw up a lp on the right side of fabric. Remove hook from lp and take hook to wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from wrong side to right side, place lp on hook, draw lp through to wrong side of fabric. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Draw tail through final lp and pull tight.
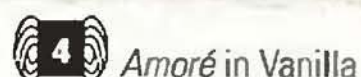
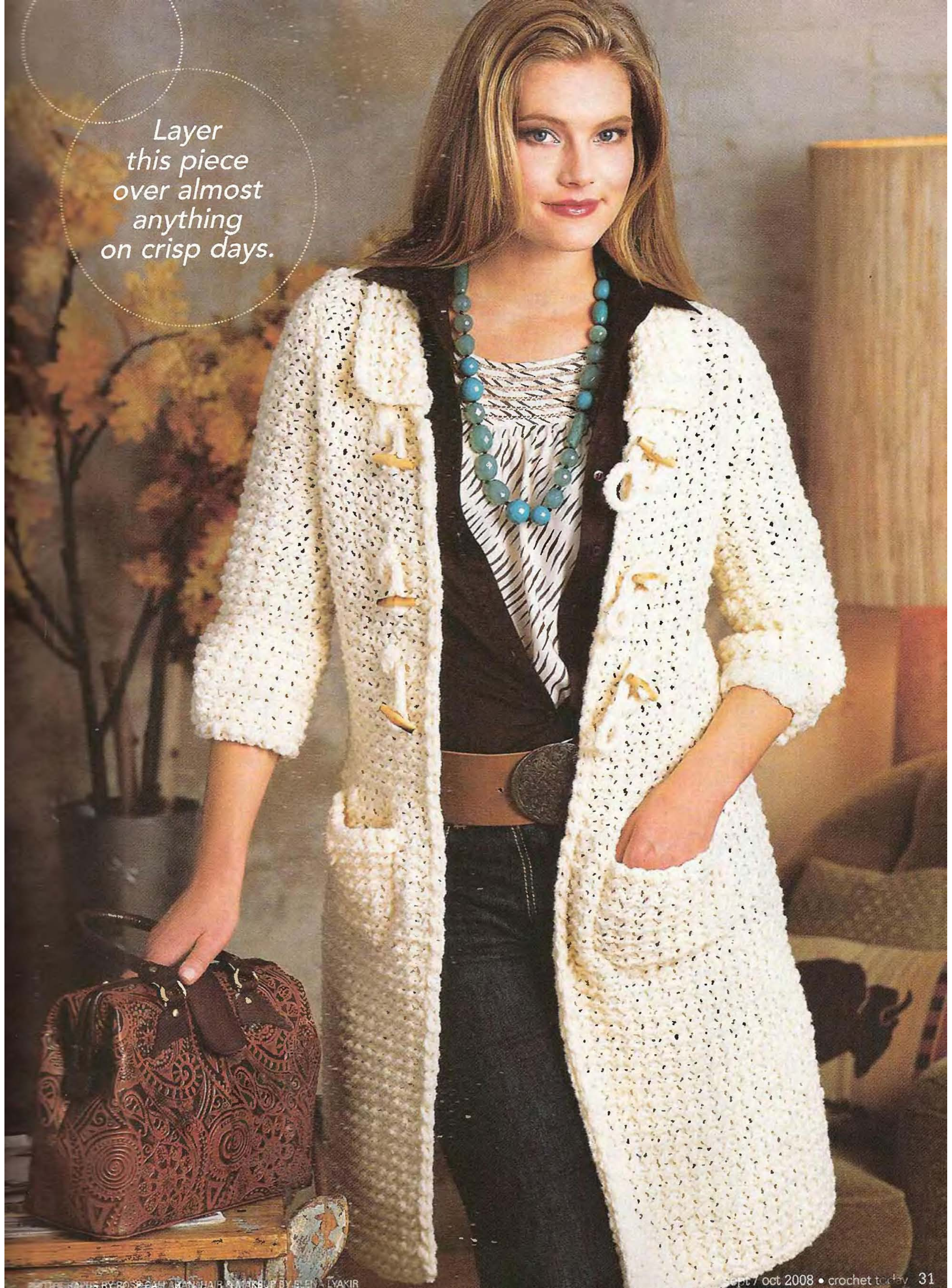repeat from * across—86 (90, 98, 102, 110, 114) sts (or 43 (45, 49, 51, 55, 57) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures 5"/12.5cm from beginning.

Dec Row Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), turn, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 13 (14, 15, 16, 18, 19) times, sk next 2 sts, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 13 (13, 15, 15, 15, 15) times, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next; repeat from * across—82 (86, 94, 98, 106, 110) sts (or 41 (43, 47, 49, 53, 55) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Next 11 Rows Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Next Row Repeat Dec Row—78 (82, 90, 94, 102, 106) sts (or 39 (41, 45, 47, 51, 53) (hdc, sl st) groups).

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try this!

We think this sweater is gorgeous in these colors, too.

- TLC *Amoré*, #3324 Chocolate
- TLC *Amoré*, #3843 Seaglass

Next 36 Rows Repeat last 12 rows 3 more times—66 (70, 78, 82, 90, 94) sts (or 33 (35, 39, 41, 45, 47) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures 18"/45.5cm from beginning.

Waist Pleat Row Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 10 (11, 13, 14, 16, 17) times, sk next 22 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—44 (48, 56, 60, 68, 72) sts (or 22 (24, 28, 30, 34, 36) (hdc, sl st) groups).

note In the finishing stage, the skipped sts will be sewn together on the wrong side to form an inverted pleat.

waist band

Rows 1–11 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern over the rem 44 (48, 56, 60, 68, 72) sts.

shape bust

Rows 1 and 2 (inc rows) Ch 3, turn, sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as hdc), hdc in first sl st; sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—48 (52, 60, 64, 72, 76) sts (or 24 (26, 30, 32, 36, 38) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 3–8 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Rows 9 and 10 Repeat Rows 1 and 2 (inc rows)—52 (56, 64, 68, 76, 80) sts (or 26 (28, 32, 34, 38, 40) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures 26"/66cm from beginning.

shape armhole

Row 1 Ch 1, turn, sl st in first 4 (4, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 4 (4, 6, 6, sts; leave last 4 (4, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts unworked—44 (48, 52, 56, 60, 64) sts (or 22 (24, 26, 28, 30, 32) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 3 (dec row) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, hdc in next sl st, sl st in last hdc—40 (44, 48, 52, 56, 60) sts (or 20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 4–5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 9) Repeat last 2 rows 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 3) more times—36 (40, 44, 44, 48, 48) sts (or 18 (20, 22, 22, 24, 24) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until armhole measures 8 (8, 8, 9, 9, 9)"/20.5 (20.5, 20.5, 23, 23, 23)cm. End with a wrong side row.

shape first shoulder

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sl st in first 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3) st(s), sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dtr in next 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3) st(s); leave rem sts unworked (for neck and second shoulder). Fasten off.

shape second shoulder

Row 1 (wrong side) With wrong side facing, join yarn with sl st in first st, sl st in next 0 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2) st(s), sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dtr in next 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3) st(s); leave rem sts unworked. Fasten off.

LEFT FRONT

Ch 45 (49, 51, 55, 57, 61).

Row 1 Sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * across—44 (48, 50, 54, 56, 60) sts (or 22 (24, 25, 27, 28, 30) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures 5"/12.5cm from beginning.

Dec Row (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 13 (14, 15, 16, 18, 19) times, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—42 (46, 48, 52, 54, 58) sts (or 21 (23, 24, 26, 27, 29) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Next 11 Rows Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Next Row Repeat Dec Row—40 (44, 46, 50, 52, 56) sts (or 20 (22, 23, 25, 26, 28) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Next 24 Rows Repeat last 12 rows 2 more times—36 (40, 42, 46, 48, 52) sts (or 18 (20, 21, 23, 24, 26) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures 18"/45.5cm from beginning. End with a right side row.

Waist Pleat Row (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 2 (3, 2, 3, 2, 3) times, *[hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 4) times, sk next 4 sts; repeat from * 2 more times, **hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from ** across—24 (28, 30, 34, 36, 40) sts (or 12 (14, 15, 17, 18, 20) (hdc, sl st) groups).

waist band

Rows 1–11 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern over the rem 24 (28, 30, 34, 36, 40) sts.

shape bust

Row 1 (right side – inc row) Ch 3, turn, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in first sl st; sl st in next hdc, *hdc

in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—26 (30, 32, 36, 38, 42) sts (or 13 (15, 16, 18, 19, 21) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 (wrong side – inc row) Ch 3, turn, sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, (sl st, hdc) in next sl st, (sl st, hdc) in last hdc—28 (32, 34, 36, 40, 44) sts (or 14 (16, 17, 19, 20, 22) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures same as back to armhole. End with a wrong side row.

shape armhole

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sl st in first 4 (4, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—24 (28, 28, 32, 32, 36) sts (or 12 (14, 14, 16, 16, 18) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 3 (dec row) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—22 (26, 26, 30, 30, 34) sts (or 11 (13, 13, 15, 15, 17) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 4–5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 9) Repeat last 2 rows 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 3) more times—20 (24, 24, 26, 26, 28) sts (or 10 (12, 12, 13, 13, 14) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until armhole measures 4"/10cm. End with a right side row.

shape neck

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—18 (22, 22, 24, 24, 26) sts (or 9 (11, 11, 12, 12, 13) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Rows 3–10 (12, 12, 14, 12, 14) Repeat last 2 Rows 4 (5, 5, 6, 5, 6) more times—10 (12, 12, 12, 14, 14) sts (or 5 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7) (hdc, sl st) groups).

shape shoulder

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sl st in first 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3) st(s), sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dtr in next 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3) st(s). Fasten off.

front trim

Working from right side with 2 strands of yarn held together, join yarn in lower corner of front edge and work a surface sl st line along front edge, approx ½"/1.5cm in from edge.

Next Row: Working in back loops of sl sts only, work in Crunch Stitch Pattern. Fasten off.

Join yarn in top corner of opposite front edge and repeat trim.

RIGHT FRONT

Ch 45 (49, 51, 55, 57, 61).

Row 1 Sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * across—44 (48, 50, 54, 56, 60) sts (or 22 (24, 25, 27, 28, 30) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures 5"/12.5cm from beginning.

Dec Row (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 6 (7, 7, 8, 7, 8) times, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—42 (46, 48, 52, 54, 58) sts (or 21 (23, 24, 26, 27, 29) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Next 11 Rows Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Next Row Repeat Dec Row—40 (44, 46, 50, 52, 56) sts (or 20 (22, 23, 25, 26, 28) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Next 24 Rows Repeat last 12 rows 2 more times—36 (40, 42, 46, 48, 52) sts (or 18 (20, 21, 23, 24, 26) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures 18"/45.5cm from beginning. End with a right side row.

Waist Pleat Row (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 2 (3, 2, 3, 2, 3) times, *sk next 4 sts, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 4) times; repeat from * 2 more times, **hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from ** across—24 (28, 30, 34, 36, 40) sts (or 12 (14, 15, 17, 18, 20) (hdc, sl st) groups).

waist band

Rows 1–11 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern over the rem 24 (28, 30, 34, 36, 40) sts.

shape bust

Row 1 (right side – inc row) Ch 3, turn, sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, (sl st, hdc) in next sl st, (sl st, hdc) in last hdc—26 (30, 32, 36, 38, 42) sts (or 13 (15, 16, 18, 19) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 (wrong side – inc row) Ch 3, turn, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in first sl st; sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—28 (32, 34, 38, 40, 44) sts (or 14 (16, 17, 19, 20, 22) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures same as back to armhole. End with a wrong side row.

shape armhole

Row 1 (right side) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 4 (4, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts; leave last 4 (4, 6, 6, 8, 8) sts unworked—24 (28, 28, 32, 32, 36) sts (or 12 (14, 14, 16, 16, 18) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 3 (dec row) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, hdc in next sl st, sl st in last hdc—22 (26, 26, 30, 30, 34) sts (or 11 (13, 13, 15, 15, 17) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 4–5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 9) Repeat last 2 rows 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 3) more times—20 (24, 24, 26, 26, 28) sts (or 10 (12, 12, 13, 13, 14) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until armhole measures 4"/10cm. End with a right side row.

shape neck

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, hdc in next sl st, sl st in last hdc—18 (22, 22, 24, 24, 26) sts (or 9 (11, 11, 12, 12, 13) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Rows 3–10 (12, 12, 14, 12, 14) Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 5, 6, 5, 6) more times—10 (12, 12, 12, 14, 14) sts (or 5 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until armhole measures same as back. Fasten off.

shape first shoulder

Row 1 (wrong side) With wrong side facing, join yarn with sl st in first st, sl st in next 0 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2) st(s), sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dtr in next 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3) st(s); leave rem sts unworked. Fasten off.

perfect fall sweater

front trim
Trim as for left front.

SLEEVE (make 2)
Ch 45 (45, 45, 47, 47, 51).

Row 1 Sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * across—44 (44, 44, 46, 46, 50) sts (or 22 (22, 22, 23, 23, 25) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 2–18 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 19 (right side – dec row) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 6 sts, sk next 2 sts, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 2 times—40 (40, 40, 42, 42, 46) sts (or 20 (20, 20, 21, 21, 23) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 20–26 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 27 Repeat Row 19—36 (36, 36, 38, 38, 42) sts (or 18 (18, 18, 19, 19, 21) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until piece measures 12"/30.5cm from beginning.

shape cap
Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sl st in first 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 2 sts; leave last 2 sts unworked—32 (32, 32, 34, 34, 38) sts (or 16 (16, 16, 17, 17, 19) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 (dec row) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last 6 sts, sk next 2 sts, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 2 times—28 (28, 28, 30, 30, 34) sts (or 14 (14, 14, 15, 15, 17) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 3–5 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 6 (dec row) Repeat Row 2—24 (24, 24, 26, 26, 30) sts (or 12 (12, 12, 13, 13, 15) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 7–11 (11, 11, 13, 13, 13) Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 12 (12, 12, 14, 14, 14) (dec row) Repeat Row 2—20 (20, 20, 22, 22, 26) sts (or 10 (10, 10, 11, 11, 13) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 13 (13, 13, 15, 15, 15)–18 (18, 18, 22, 22, 22) Repeat Rows 7–12 (12, 12, 14, 14, 14)—16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 22) sts (or 8 (8, 8, 9, 9, 11) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 19 (19, 19, 23, 23, 23) Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 20 (20, 20, 24, 24, 24) (dec row) Repeat Row 2—12 (12, 12, 14, 14, 18) sts (or 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 9) (hdc, sl st) groups). Fasten off.

cuff trim
Locate row approx ½"/1.5cm above cuff edge. Mark the center 16 (16, 16, 16, 16, 18) sts of this row. Working from right side with 2 strands of yarn held together, work a surface sl st line along this row, as follows: Join yarn in side edge, surface sl st to first marker, sk to next marker, surface sl st across to opposite edge.

note In the finishing stage, the skipped sts will be sewn together on the wrong side to form an inverted pleat.

Next Row: Working in back loops of sl sts only, work in Crunch Stitch Pattern. Fasten off.

COLLAR
Ch 25 (25, 27, 27, 27, 27).

Row 1 Sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * across—24 (24, 26, 26, 26, 26) sts (or 12 (12, 13, 13, 13, 13) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 2–5 Ch 13, turn, sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), [hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch] 5 times; continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern across—72 (72, 74, 74, 74, 74) sts (or 36 (36, 37, 37, 37, 37) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Continue in Crunch Stitch Pattern until collar measures 5"/12.5cm, measured from center back of collar. Fasten off.

TOGGLES
note Leave long beginning and ending tails for sewing toggles securely to coat.

right front toggles (make 3)
Holding 2 strands of yarn together, ch 12. Do not fasten off. Thread beginning end of chain through the 2 holes of a toggle button and pull through till hook is close to button, sl st in visible chs across. Fasten off.

left front toggles (make 3)
Holding 2 strands of yarn together, ch 8. Complete as for right front toggles.

figure-eight toggles (make 3)
Holding 2 strands of yarn together, ch 32; taking care to not twist sts; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Sl st in next 7 ch; flatten ring so that last sl st worked is near center; working through both thicknesses, sl st in next ch (center); working in one thickness only, sl st in each ch back around to center; sl st in last 8 ch around. Fasten off.

right front band fasteners (make 3)

Holding 2 strands of yarn together, ch 6.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in next 3 ch. Fasten off.

POCKET (make 2)

Ch 11 (11, 15, 15, 19, 19).

Row 1 Sl st in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), *hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch; repeat from * across—10 (10, 14, 14, 18, 18) sts (or 5 (5, 7, 7, 8, 8) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Row 2 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Rows 3 and 4 (inc rows) Ch 3, turn, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—14 (14, 18, 18, 22, 22) sts (or 7 (7, 9, 9, 11, 11) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 5–7 Repeat last 3 rows—18 (18, 22, 22, 26, 26) sts (or 9 (9, 11, 11, 13, 13) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Rows 8–16 Work in Crunch Stitch Pattern.

Row 17 (right side) Ch 2, turn, sl st in next hdc, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) times, sk next 2 sts, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across—16 (16, 20, 20, 24, 24) sts (or 8 (8, 10, 10, 12, 12) (hdc, sl st) groups).

Last Row (wrong side) Pick up a 2nd strand of yarn and work with 2 strands held together; work in Crunch Stitch Pattern. Fasten off.

finishing

Sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams. Using photo as guide, baste pockets in place, then sew in place. Sew on collar (so that seam is on right side of the garment, and is covered when collar folds back). Flatten opening of inverted pleat on wrong side of back of coat, and sew in place on wrong side, then sew about 1½"/4cm of edges of pleat together on right side. Sew inverted pleats at cuff edges in same manner.

Along right front, place a marker at beginning of neck shaping, approx 2"/5cm in from front trim. Place two more markers approx 5"/12.5cm apart below the first marker. Repeat on left front. Sew ends of right front toggles at marked positions along right front. Sew one right front band fastener crosswise over end of toggle to hide. Sew figure-eight toggles at marked positions along left front. Sew left front toggles along left front, centered beneath first lp of figure-eight toggles. Slip second lp of figure-eight toggles over right front toggles to close coat.
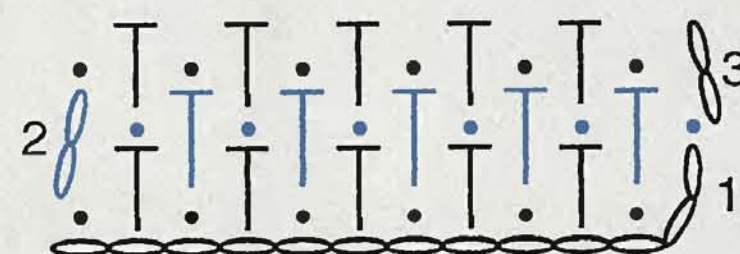
Weave in ends. ∎

17½ (18½, 21½ 22½, 25½, 26½)"

3¼ (4, 4, 4, 4½, 4½)"   5½ (5½, 7, 7, 7, 7)"

BACK

8 (8, 8, 9, 9, 9)"

8"

7½" opening for pleat

18"

28½ (30, 32½, 34, 36½, 38)"

4 (4, 4, 4½, 4½, 6)"

5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 6)"

SLEEVE

12"

14½ (14½, 14½, 15½, 15½, 16½)"
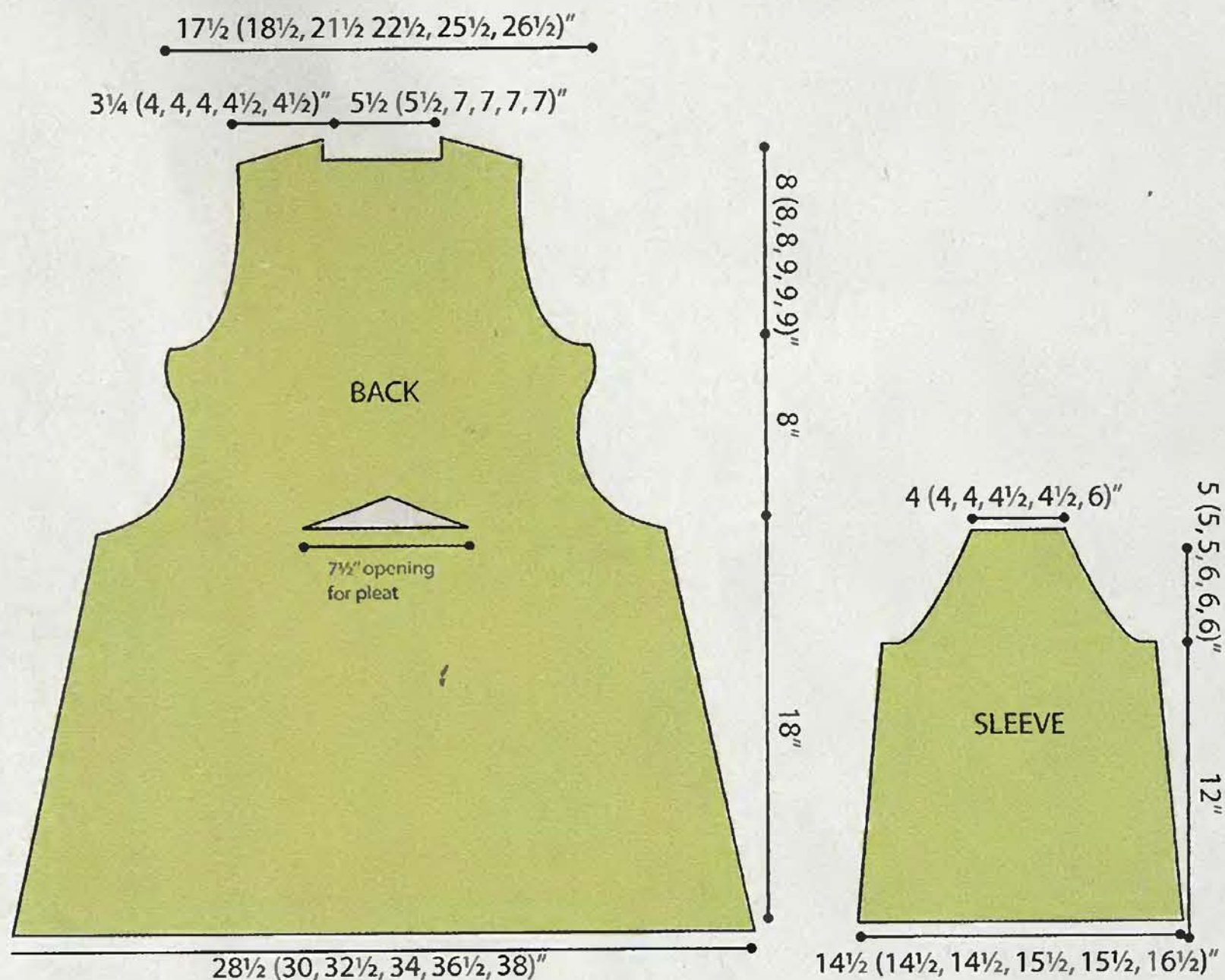
note Sleeve cuff is reduced to 9½ (9½, 9½, 10, 10, 10½)" when cuff trim is applied

3¼ (4, 4, 4, 4½, 4½)"

8 (8, 8, 9, 9, 9)"

8"

LEFT BACK

30"

18"

14½ (16, 16½, 18, 18 ½, 20)"

24 (24, 24½, 24½, 24½, 24½)"

COLLAR

5"

12 (12, 12½, 12½, 12½, 12½)"
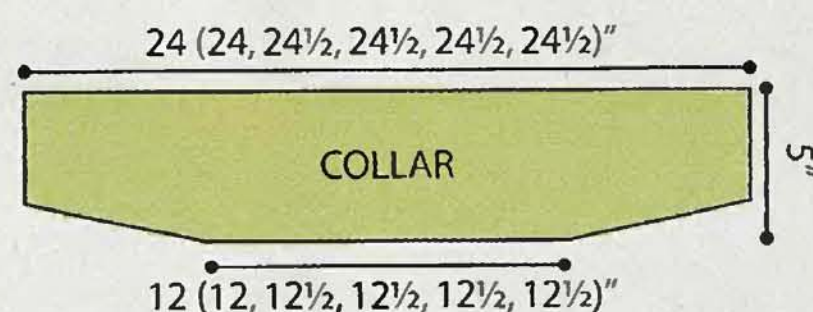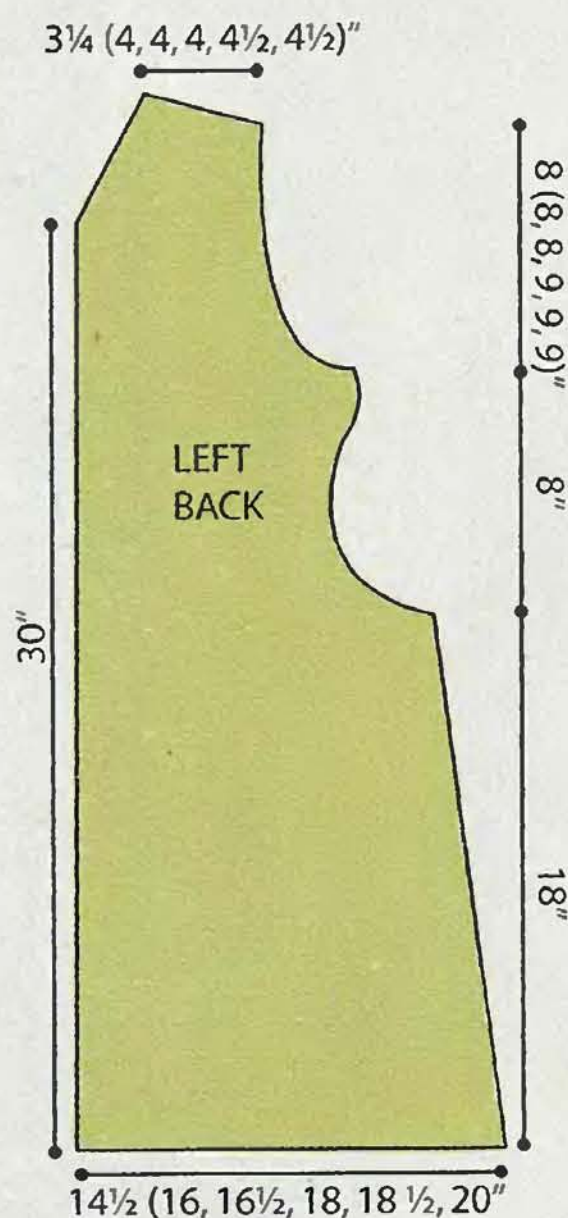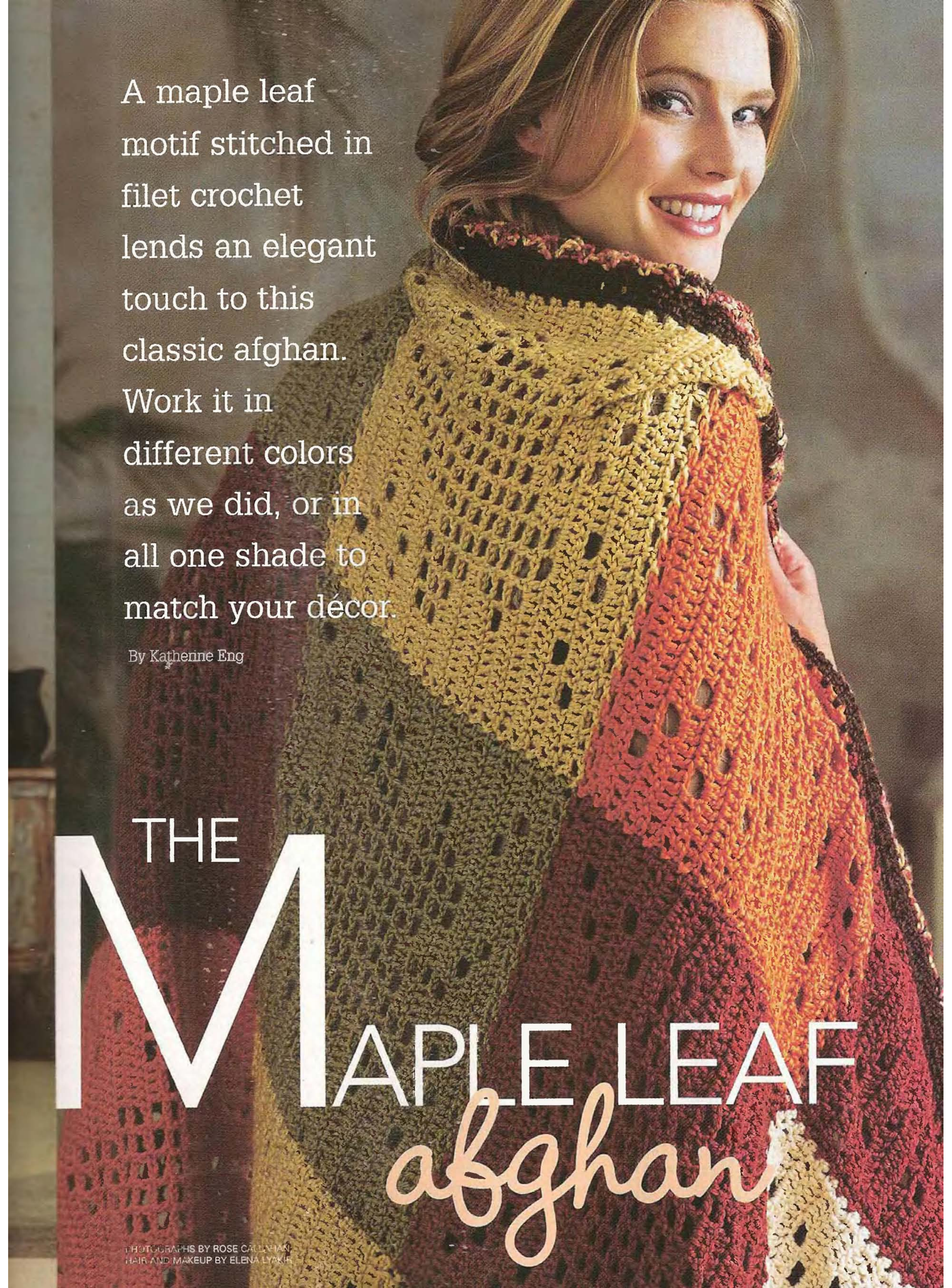
stitch diagram

REDUCED SAMPLE OF CRUNCH STITCH PATTERN

A maple leaf motif stitched in filet crochet lends an elegant touch to this classic afghan. Work it in different colors as we did, or in all one shade to match your décor.

By Katherine Eng

THE MAPLE LEAF
afghan

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SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements
Approx 43"/109cm wide x 64"/162.5cm long

gauge
15 dc = 4"/10cm; 8 dc rows = 4½"/11.5cm

square with border = 13"/33cm wide x 12"/30.5cm high

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 17.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as dc), dc in each rem ch across—15 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across, dc in first skipped ch at beginning of Row 1.

Rows 3-8 Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm wide x 4½"/11.4cm high. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note
Make 15 squares in specified colors, working one square at a time and joining to adjacent square(s) in border round, working and joining appropriate color squares from top to bottom of each column as per assembly chart.

AFGHAN
Square (make 4 each with A and B, 3 with C, and 2 each with D and E)
With appropriate color, ch 48.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in back bar of 4th ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as dc), dc in back bar of each rem ch across—46 dc (15 closed mesh).

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), turn; dc in next 3 dc (closed mesh made); [ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc (open mesh made), dc in next 15 dc (5 closed mesh made)] 2 times; ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc (open mesh made); dc in next 2 dc and in first skipped ch at beginning of row 1 (closed mesh made)—12 closed mesh and 3 open mesh.

Rows 3-20 Work open and closed mesh according to Maple Leaf chart. Odd-numbered Rows are read from right to left and even-numbered Rows are read

from left to right on chart. At beginning of each Row, ch 3, turn.

assembly
Work and join squares in order from top to bottom of each column as per assembly chart. Work first square and border, then work each rem square and border, joining to adjacent square(s) as needed.

Border (first square)
Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; (sc, ch 4, sc) in top of first dc (corner made); working across top edge, [ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc, sc in next dc] 8 times; ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc, (sc, ch 4, sc) in top of turning ch-3 (corner made); working down left-hand edge, *ch 2, sc in top of next dc (or in top of turning ch-3)*; repeat from * to * across left-hand edge, ending with ch 2, (sc, ch 4, sc) in free lps of first foundation ch (corner made); working across bottom edge, [ch 2, sk next 2 chs, sc in free lps of next ch, ch 2, sk next ch, sc in free lps of next ch] 8 times, ch 2, sk next 2 chs, sc in free lps of next ch, ch 2, sk next ch, (sc, ch 4, sc) in free lps of next ch (corner made); repeat from * to * across right-hand edge, ending with ch 2, join with sl st in first sc—4 corner ch-4 sps and 76 ch-2 sps (18 ch-2 sps along top and bottom edges and 20 ch-2 sps along left and right-hand edges). Fasten off.

Border (rem squares)
Round 1 Work same as first square border, joining

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each square to adjacent square(s) as needed (with right sides facing), replacing ch-2 or ch-4 sps on one or two sides as follows: join corner ch-4 sps with ch 2, remove lp from hook, insert hook in corresponding ch-4 sp on adjacent square, replace lp on hook and draw lp through ch-4 sp, ch 2; join ch-2 sps with ch 1, remove lp from hook, insert hook in corresponding ch-2 sp on adjacent square, replace lp on hook and draw lp through ch-2 sp, ch 1; where 4 corners meet, ch 2, remove lp from hook, insert hook in corresponding ch-4 sp on first adjacent square, replace lp on hook and draw lp through ch-4 sp, ch 1, remove lp from hook, sk ch-4 sp on 2nd adjacent square, insert hook in corresponding ch-4 sp on 3rd adjacent square, replace lp on hook and draw lp through ch-4 sp, ch 2.

Edging

Round 1 With right side of 15 joined squares facing, join F with sl st in 3rd ch-2 sp on left-hand edge after top left-hand corner ch-4 sp, ch 1, sc in same ch-2 sp; *ch 2, sc in next ch-2 sp (or in joined corner ch-4 sps at seams); repeat from * around, working ch 2, (sc, ch 4, sc) in each corner ch-4 sp; ch 2; join with sl st in first sc—4 corner ch-4 sps and 336 ch-2 sps (59 ch-2 sps along top and bottom edges and 109 ch-2 sps along left-hand and right-hand edges).

Round 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in next ch-2 sp; *ch 2, sc in next ch-2 sp; repeat from * around, working ch 2, (sc, ch 4, sc) in each corner ch-4 sp; ch 2; join with sl st in first sc—4 corner ch-4 sps and 340 ch-2 sps (60 ch-2 sps along top and bottom edges and 110 ch-2 sps along left-hand and right-hand edges).

Round 3 Turn; sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same ch-2 sp, work 2 dc in each ch-2 sp across left-hand edge, ending with 1 dc in last ch-2 sp before corner, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in corner ch-4 sp; *[2 dc in next ch-2 sp] 2 times, [3 dc in next ch-sp, 2 dc in next ch-sp] 9 times*; repeat from * to * 2 more times across bottom edge, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in corner ch-4 sp; work 2 dc in each ch-2 sp across right-hand edge, ending with 1 dc in last ch-2 sp before corner, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in corner ch-4 sp; repeat from * to * 3 more times across top edge, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in corner ch-4 sp; work 2 dc in each rem ch-2 sp across left-hand edge; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—4 corner ch-3 sps and 748 dc (151 dc along top and bottom edges and 223 dc along left-hand and right-hand edges).

Round 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in same ch as joining, sc in next dc and in each dc around, working (sc, ch 3, sc) in each corner ch-3 sp; join with sl st in first sc—4 corner ch-3 sps and 756 sc (153 sc along top and bottom edges and 225 sc along left-hand and right-hand edges). Fasten off.
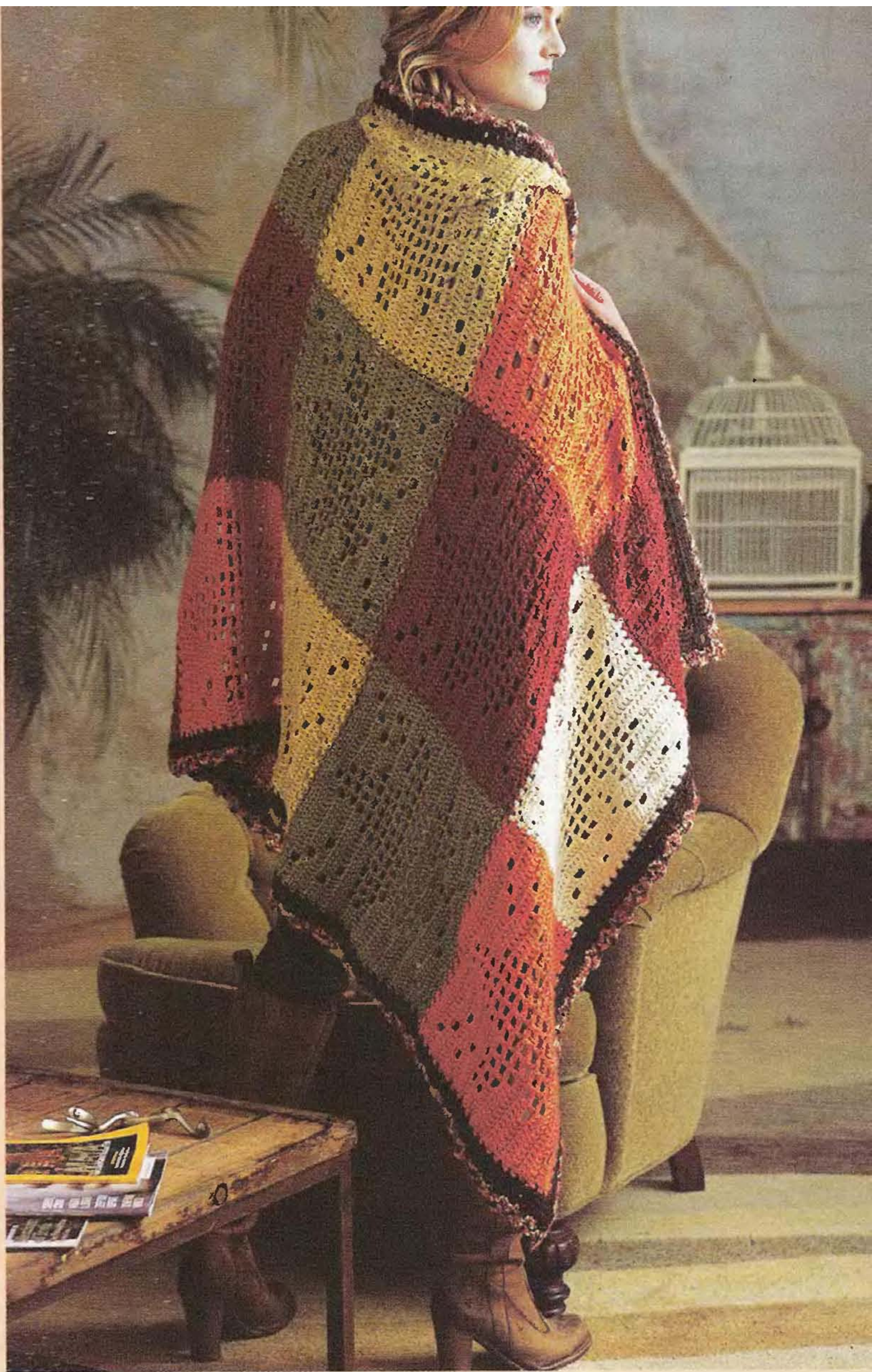
Round 5 With right side facing, join G with sl st in 2nd sc after any corner ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining; *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc; sk next 2 sc; sc in next sc; repeat from * across to next corner; sk next sc, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner ch-3 sp (corner shell made), sk next sc**; sc in next sc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in first sc—4 corner shells and 124 shells (25 shells along top and bottom edges and 37 shells along left-hand and right-hand edges).

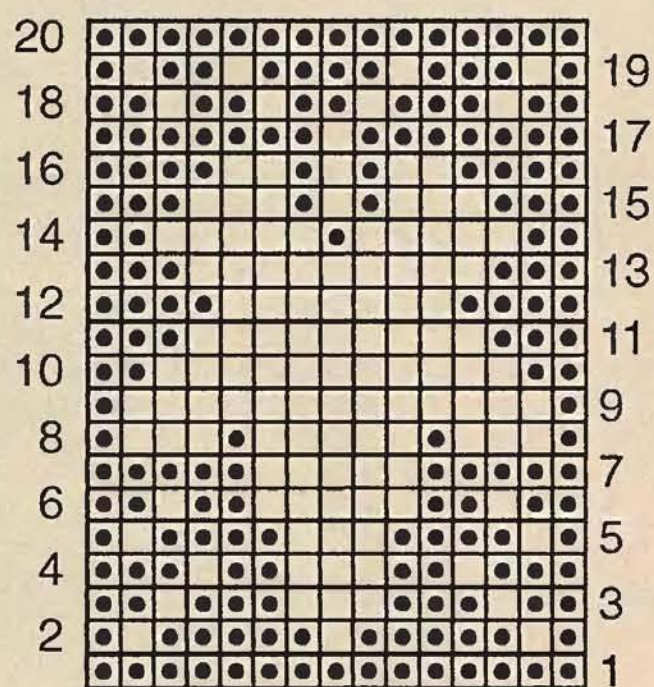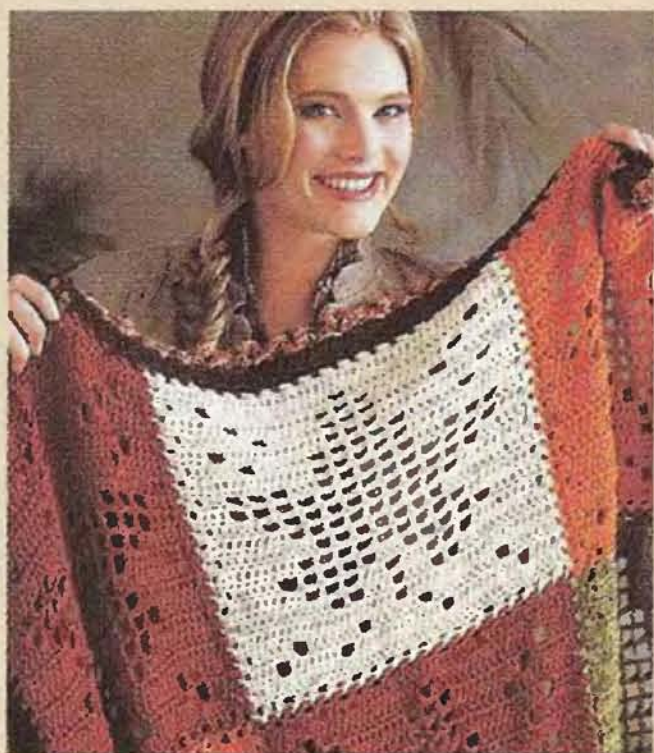**Round 6** Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining; *ch 2, (sc, ch 2, sc) in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 2, sc in next sc; repeat from * around, working [ch 2, sk next 2 dc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each of next (dc, ch-2 sp and dc), ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next sc] in each corner, omitting last sc on last repeat; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.
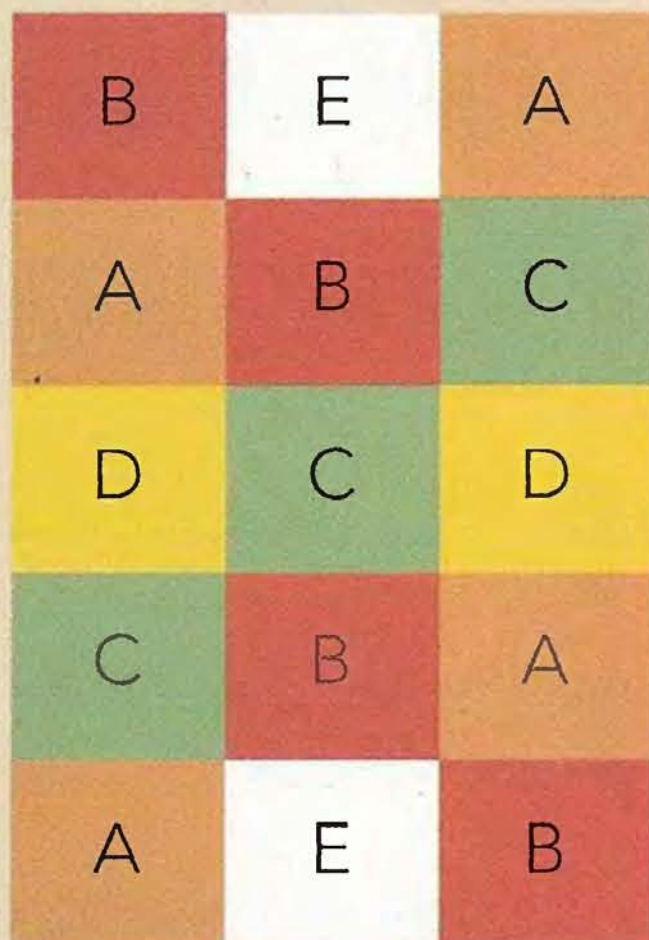
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Weave in ends. ∎
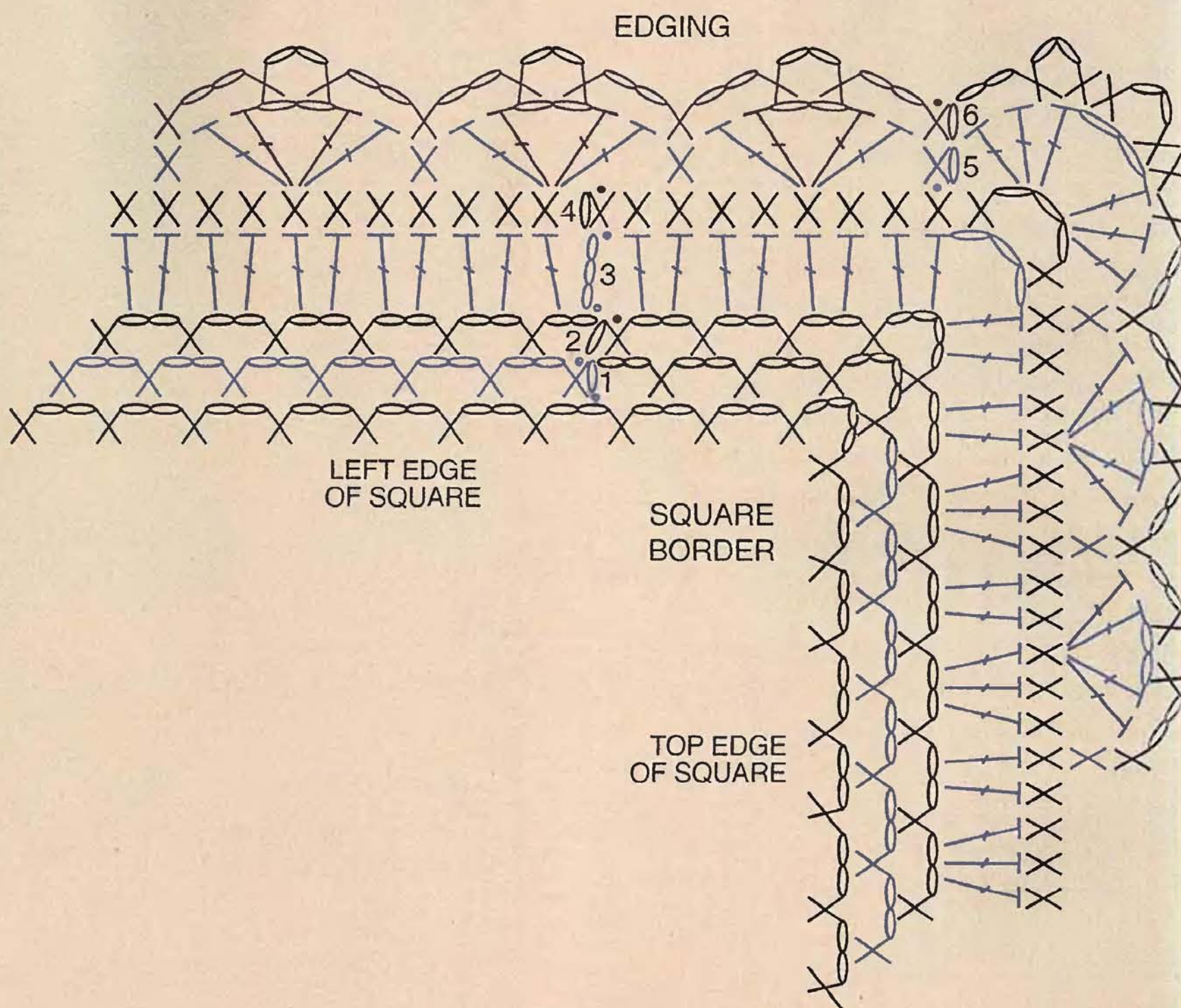
THE MAPLE LEAF afghan

stitch diagram

EDGING

6
5
4
3
2
1

LEFT EDGE
OF SQUARE

SQUARE
BORDER

TOP EDGE
OF SQUARE

CHART

20 19
18 17
16 15
14 13
12 11
10 9
8 7
6 5
4 3
2 1

CHART KEY

☐ = open mesh
⊡ = closed mesh

assembly diagram

B	E	A
A	B	C
D	C	D
C	B	A
A	E	B

stitch diagram

JOINING OF
SECOND AND
FOURTH MOTIF

JOINING OF
SECOND AND
SUCCESSIVE
MOTIFS

1

FIRST SQUARE

SQUARE
BORDER
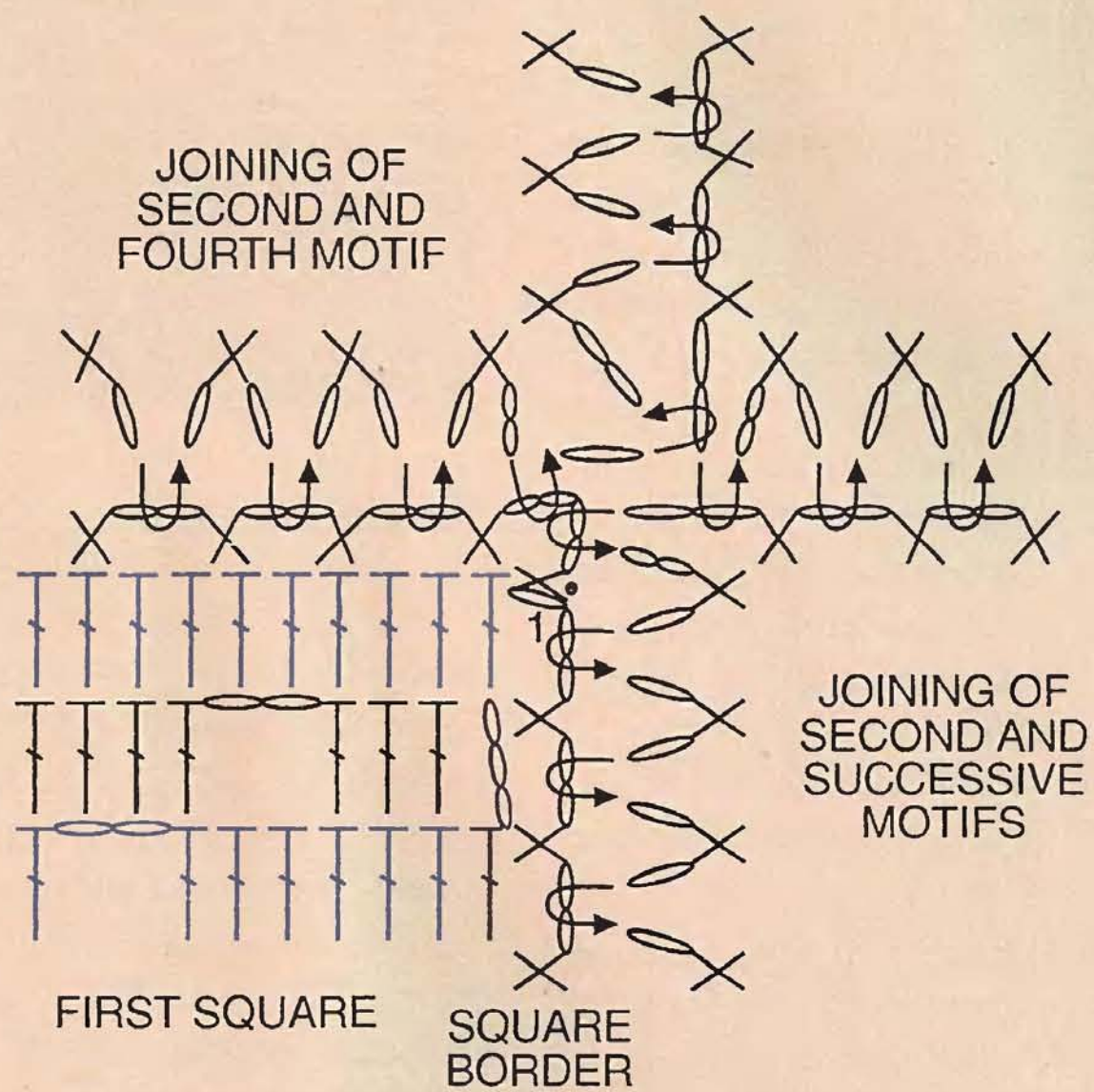
step-by-step socks

This light and lacy sock is worked from the toe up—try it on as you stitch, for a perfect fit! Our pattern tells you how to customize the sizing at every step.

By Amy O'Neill Houck

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SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

sizes
Women's 7–9 (with customization instructions for different sizes)

finished measurements
sole length: (from toe to heel) approx 9"/23cm
cuff height: approx 4"/10cm
circumference at instep: approx 9"/23cm
circumference at cuff: approx 8"/20.5cm
circumference at arch: approx 8"/20.5cm

gauge
30 sts and 17 rows = 4"/10cm over linked double crochet (ldc).

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 32.

Row 1 Ldc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), ldc in each remaining ch across—30 ldc.

Rows 2–17 Ch 3 (counts as first ldc), turn, ldc in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

notes
1 Crocheted socks are less stretchy than standard socks, so they have little negative ease. Don't be surprised if the sock looks big while you're making it. Just be sure to try it on frequently as you go.

2 The toe is worked in continuous rounds; do not join or turn at the end of rounds. You may wish to use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

3 The foot is worked in joined rounds without turning.

4 The toe, foot and ankle are worked in one piece, and an opening is created for the heel. After the rest of the sock is complete, the heel is worked into the opening.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch   chain
dc   double crochet
lp(s)   loop(s)
rem   remain(ing)
sc   single crochet
sk   skip
sl st   slip stitch
sp(s)   space(s)

st(s)   stitch(es)
yo   yarn over
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

special abbreviations

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

v-st (v-stitch) 2 dc in indicated st or sp.

ldc (linked double crochet) Insert hook in the center (horizontal) bar of the last st (or the 2nd ch of beginning ch-3) and draw up a lp (2 lps on hook); insert hook in next st and draw up a lp (3 lps on hook); [yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice.

fsc (foundation single crochet)

step 1 Ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through one lp on hook (base-ch made); yo and draw through 2 lps on hook (fsc made).

step 2 Insert hook in base-ch of last fsc made (be sure to insert hook under 2 lps of the base-ch; the lp at the front or **face** of the base-ch and the lp on the bottom side of the base-ch), yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through one lp on hook (base-ch made), yo and draw through 2 lps on hook (fsc made).

Repeat step 2 for desired number of fsc.

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socks

SOCK (make 2)

Toe

Ch 10.

Round 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 7 ch, 3 sc in last ch; place stitch marker in center sc of 3-sc group just made; pivot to work long opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 7 ch, 2 sc in last ch; place stitch marker in the 2nd sc of 2-sc group just made); do not join—20 sc.

Move markers up as work progresses.

Round 2 [Sc in each st to next marker, 3 sc in marked st] twice—24 sc.

Rounds 3–8 Repeat Round 2—48 sc. Do not fasten off.

Try on your toe. It should be almost wide enough to fit around the widest part of your foot. Work an extra round or two if necessary. A little snugness is good at this point because the change in stitch pattern for the foot adds a little bit of ease.

Foot

Round 1 Ch 3 (does not count as a st here and throughout), ldc in next 24 sts (or one half of the total number of toe sts), *sk next st, v-st in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of turning ch—24 ldc and 12 v-sts.

note The linked sts form the sole of the foot. The v-st lace forms the top of the foot.

Round 2 Ch 3, ldc in next 24 sts, dc in sp before next v-st, *ch 1, sk next v-st, dc in sp before next v-st; repeat from * around ending with ch 1, dc in sp before turning ch; join with sl st in top of turning ch.

Round 3 Ch 3, ldc in next 24 sts, v-st in each ch-1 sp around; join with sl st in top of turning ch.

Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 for approx 6½"/16.5cm, or until top of foot reaches beginning of ankle. End with a Round 2. Do not fasten off.

create opening for heel

Fsc 28; sk the sole sts; join the final fsc in first dc of lace section.

Ankle

Round 1 Ch 3, v-st in each ch-1 sp across top of foot; *v-st in next fsc, sk next fsc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of turning ch—26 v-sts.

Rcund 2 Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), sk first v-st, *dc in sp before next v-st, ch 1, sk next v-st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 3 Ch 3, v-st in each ch-1 sp around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 for 4"/10cm (or for desired ankle length). End with a Round 2. Do not fasten off.

ribbed cuff

Ch 10.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across; sl st in next 2 sts of last round of ankle.

Row 2 Turn, working in back lps only, sc in each st of previous row.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, working in back lps only, sc in each st of previous row; sl st in next 2 sts of last round of ankle.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 around the ankle.

Joining Row Hold first and last row of cuff together, working through both thicknesses, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Heel

Place a stitch marker in each corner of the heel opening. Move markers up as work progresses.

With right side facing, join yarn with sc anywhere along edge of heel opening. The first round is worked in the skipped sole sts and along opposite side of fsc sts.

Round 1 [Sc in each st to 1 st before next marker, sc2tog] twice, sc in each remaining st around; do not join—50 sts.

Rounds 2–16 [Sc in each st to 1 st before next marker, sc2tog] twice, sc in each remaining st around— 20 sts. Fasten off.

Joining Row With inside of sock facing, flatten remaining heel opening, aligning sts; working through both thicknesses, join yarn with sl st in first st, sl st in each rem st across to close opening. Fasten off.

finishing

Weave in all ends. ■
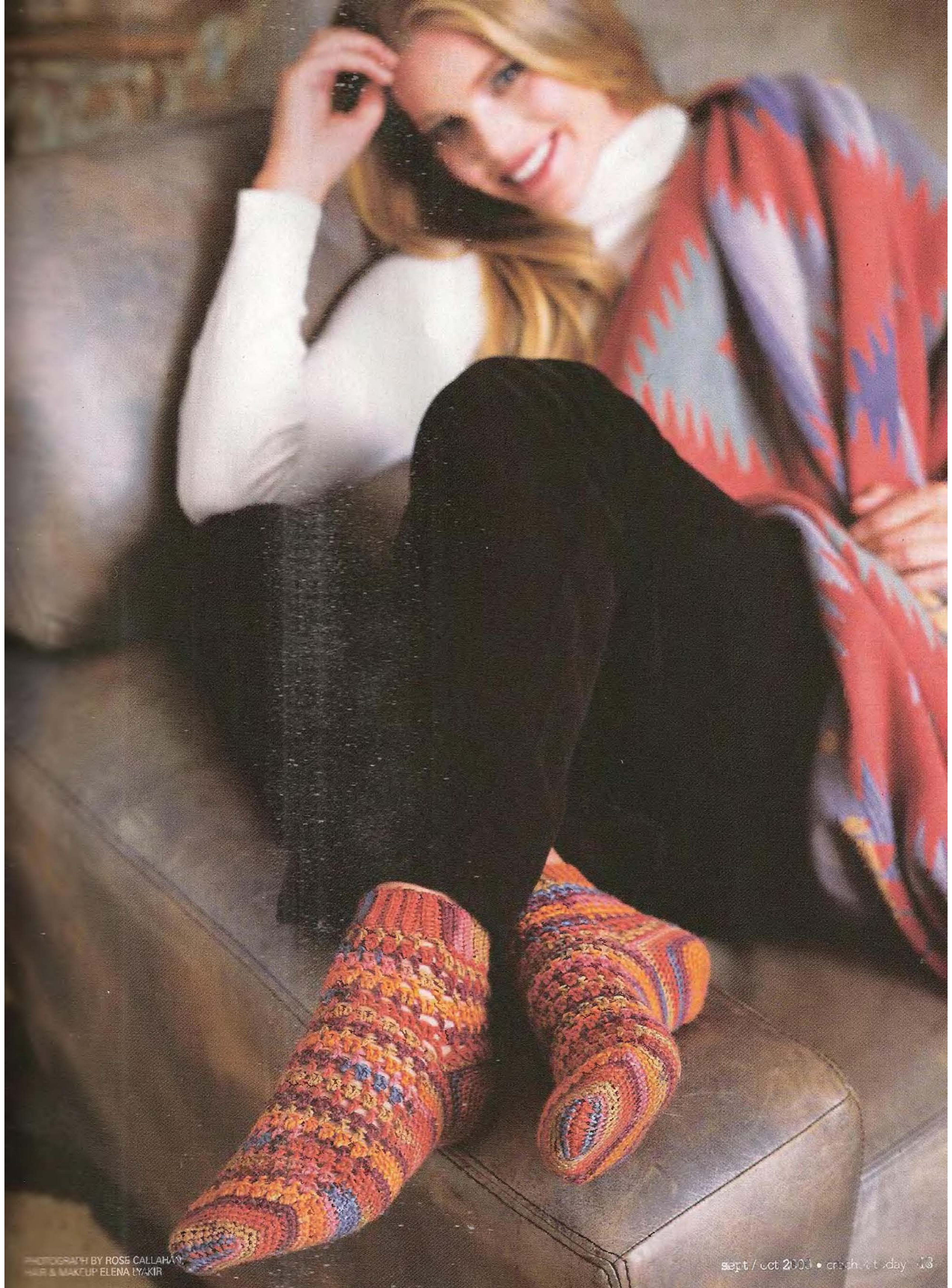
desert pillows

Add a desert touch to any room with these classic cushions. Simple single crochet stitches and stylish color changes make the pattern really pop.

By Regina Rioux Gonzalez

SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements
Approx 18"/4.5cm square plus edging

gauge
12 sc and 16 sc rows = 4"/10cm
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 13.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—12 sc.

Rows 2-16 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note
To change colors, work last st of old color until 2 lps rem on hook, drop old color to wrong side, yo with new color and draw through both lps on hook. When colors will be used again in same row, carry colors across wrong side, working over them every few sts across long sections.

PILLOW
Back
With A, ch 53.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—52 sc.

Rows 2-66 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. At end of row 66, do not fasten off.

Back Edging
Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across row 66, rotate work, sc in edge of each row across left edge, rotate work, sc in free lp of each ch across bottom, rotate work, sc in edge of each row across right edge; join with sl st in first sc—236 sc. Fasten off.

Front (use B, C and D for Pillow 1, B, C, D and E for Pillow 2 or B, C, D and F for Pillow 3)
Starting with B, work same as Back using the appropriate chart for changing colors and direction of Rows. Rows numbered on right-hand side are worked with right side facing. Rows numbered on left-hand side are worked with wrong side facing. In areas where consecutive Rows are worked on right side, fasten off first right side Row, then begin next right side Row (and each consecutive right side row) with sc in first sc on right side, fastening off each right side Row until next area with alternating (right side, wrong side) Rows.

tip
For reversible pillows, instead of using a solid-colored back, work two fronts and attach them together. Mix it up and use different color charts for the front and back.

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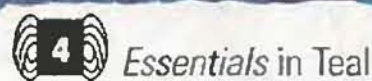
desert pillows

Front Edging

Work same as Back Edging, matching edging colors with colors used on Front. Carry along colors not in use at back of work.

assembly

With wrong sides of Front and Back tog and Front facing, join A with sl st at top right-hand corner of Front. Working in back lps only of both thicknesses, sc in each sc along 3 edges, securing them tog. Insert pillow form. Sc in each rem sc along last edge. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Braided Edging

With Front facing, join A with sc in first sc on any edge, ch 4. Remove hook and allow ch sts to dangle at front of work. Sk next sc and join B with sc in next sc, ch 4. Remove hook and allow ch sts to dangle at front of work. *Place A lp back on hook. Sk next sc, sc in next sc, ch 4. Remove hook and allow ch sts to dangle at front of work. Place B lp back on hook. Sk next sc, sc in next sc, ch 4. Remove hook and allow ch sts to dangle at front of work. Repeat from * around. Place A lp back on hook and join with sl st in first A sc. Fasten off A. Place B lp back on hook and join with sl st in first B sc. Fasten off B.

note

When working Braided Edging, always make sure chains are twisted in same direction around entire pillow.

finishing

Weave in all ends. ■

CHART KEY

☐ = Linen (B)
■ = Navy (C)
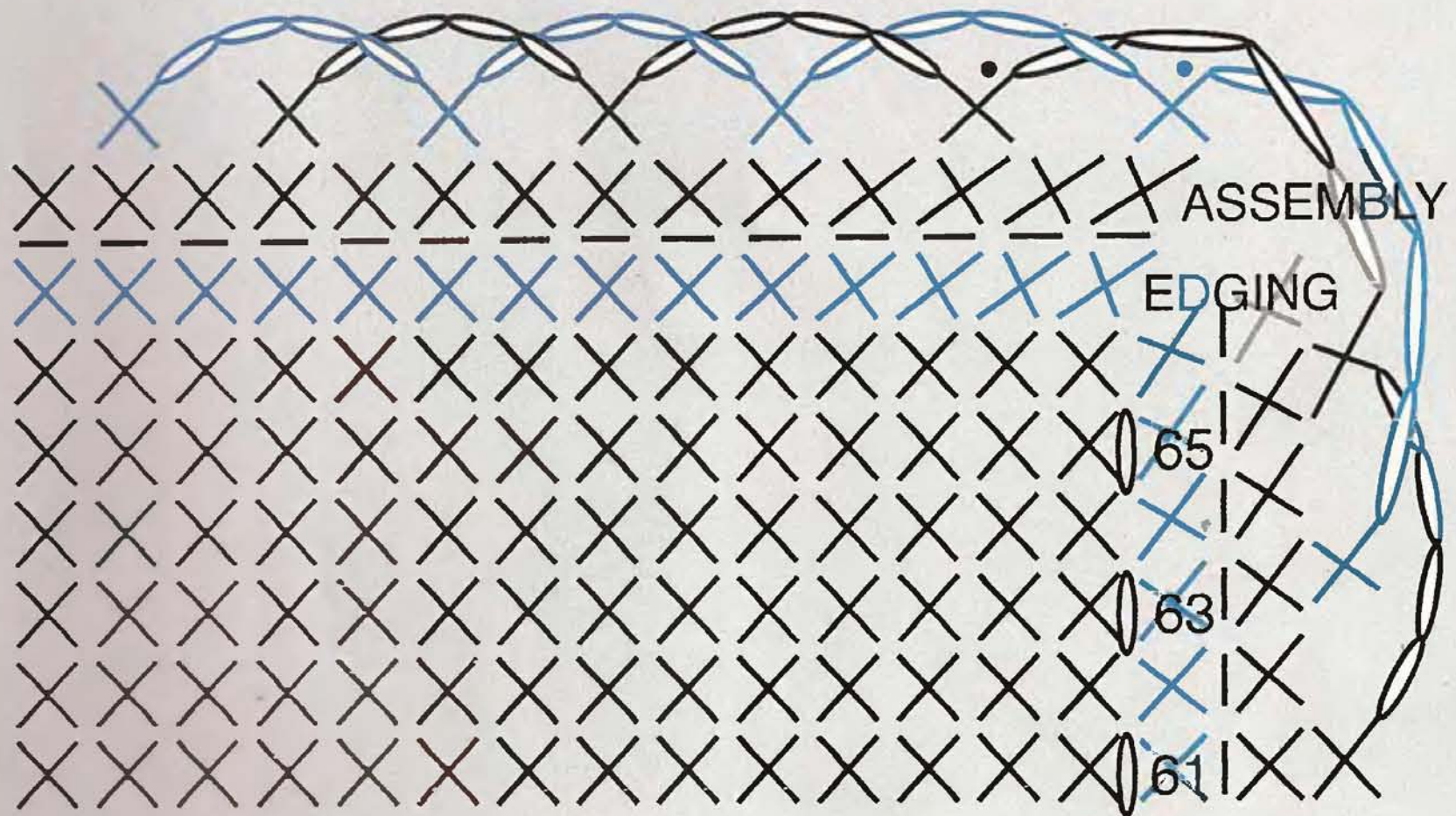■ = Rust (D)
■ = Teal (E)
■ = Medium Thyme (F)

Pillow 1 chart

Pillow 2 chart

BRAIDED EDGING

ASSEMBLY

EDGING

65

63

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stitch diagram

Pillow 3 chart

crochet cacti

Bring a little desert indoors with these crafty cacti. Use them as pin cushions or just display them in a sunny spot!

By Katy Yellen

the yarn

(4) *Super Saver* in Spring Green
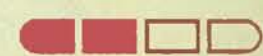
SKILL LEVEL: easy

sizes

Cactus #1: Approx 2¾"/7cm high x 2¾"/7cm wide (plus pot)

Cactus #2: Approx 3½"/8.9cm high x 2½"/6.4cm wide (plus pot)

Cactus #3: Approx 2¾"/7cm high x 2½"/6.4cm wide (plus cactus branch and pot)

gauge

Rounds 1-5 on Dirt Base = 3"/7.6cm diameter
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

Make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1-5 Work same as rounds 1-5 on Dirt Base. Swatch should measure approx 3"/7.6cm diameter. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

notes

1 Rounds are worked in a spiral. Do not join Rounds.

2 If desired, insert stitch marker in last st on Round 1 and move up to last st on each Round to help keep your place and proper stitch count.

CACTI

"Dirt" Base (make 1 for each cactus)

With A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side) Work 6 sc in ring—6 sc.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3 *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—18 sc.

Round 4 *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—24 sc.

Round 5 *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—30 sc.

Round 6 Sc in back lp of each sc around.

Round 7 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Cactus #1 – Round Cactus With Flower

With B or C, make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1-5 Work same as Rounds 1-5 on dirt base.

Rounds 6-8 Sc in each sc around—30 sc.

Round 9 *Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—24 sc.

Round 10 Sc in each sc around.

Round 11 *Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—18 sc.

Round 12 Sc in each sc around.

Round 13 *Sc in next sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—12 sc. Fasten off.

Flower

With D, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) [Ch 3, sl st in ring] 3 times; ch 3; join with sl st in joining sl st—4 ch-3 lps. Fasten off.

Cactus #2 – Tall Cactus

With B or C, make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1-4 Work same as Rounds 1-4 on Dirt Base.

Rounds 5-16 Sc in each sc around—24 sc.

Round 17 *Sc in next 2 sc; sc2tog; repeat from * around—18 sc. Fasten off.

Cactus #3 – Double Decker Cactus

With B or C, make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1-4 Work same as rounds 1-4 on dirt base.

Rounds 5-12 Sc in each sc around – 24 sc.

Round 13 *Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—18 sc. Fasten off.

Cactus Branch

With B or C, make an adjustable ring.

Rounds 1-3 Work same as rounds 1-3 on Dirt Base.

Rounds 4-5 Sc in each sc around—18 sc.

Round 6 *Sc in next sc; sc2tog; repeat from * around—12 sc.

Round 7 Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

finishing

Weave in all ends.

assembly

Stuff clay pot with fiberfill. Stuff Cactus firmly with fiberfill. With yarn needle and matching yarn, stitch last round of cactus to center of Dirt Base in clay pot. With right side of Dirt Base and Cactus facing up, hot glue right side of Rounds 6 and 7 of Dirt Base to inside of clay pot below rim. For Cactus #1, sew button to center of Flower. Sew Flower to Cactus as shown in photograph. For Cactus #3, stuff Branch firmly with fiberfill. Sew last round of Branch to Cactus as shown in photograph. ■

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prairie poncho

Cover up on a crisp fall day with a classic chevron poncho that's at once charmingly retro and thoroughly chic!

By Vickie Howell

SKILL LEVEL: easy

sizes

S/M (L/1X, 2X/3X)

finished measurements

Approx 20 (22, 24)"/51 (56, 61)cm long x 32 (40, 46)"/81.5 (101.5, 116.5)cm wide (at widest point)

gauge

12 sts and 6 Rows = 4"/10cm over double crochet using size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

Ch 14.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and in each remaining ch across—12 sts.

Rows 2–6 Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note

Poncho is worked in the round, from the lower edge up to the neck edge.

poncho

With A, ch 200 (240, 280); taking care not to twist sts, join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in same ch as join, dc in next 8 ch, *dc-double-dec ("valley" made), dc in next 8 ch, 3 dc in next ch ("peak" made), dc in next 8 ch; repeat from * 8 (10, 12) more times, dc-double-dec, dc in next 8 ch, dc again in same ch as join; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—200 (240, 280) dc (10 (12, 14) "chevrons".

Rounds 2–4 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 8 sts, *dc-double-dec, dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts; repeat from * 8 (10, 12) more times, dc-double-dec, dc in next 8 sts, dc again in same st as join; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off A.

Round 5 Join B with sl st in same st as join, repeat Round 2.

Round 6 (dec round) Ch 3, dc in same st as join, [dc in next 8 sts, dc-double-dec, dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, dc-quad-dec, dc in next 7 sts, 3 dc in next st] twice, [dc in next 8 sts, dc-double-dec, dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in next st] 2 (3, 4) times, dc in next 7 sts, dc-quad-dec, dc in next 7 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts, dc-double-dec, dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, dc-quad-dec, dc in next 7 sts, [3 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts, dc-double-dec, dc in next 8 sts] 1 (2, 3) times, dc again in same st as join; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—192 (232, 272) sts.

Using stitch markers of one color, place a stitch marker in the center dc of each 3-dc group ("peak"). Using stitch markers of the other color, place a stitch marker in each dec ("valley"). Move markers up as work progresses.

Round 7 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in each st to 1 st before next "valley," dc-double-dec, dc in each

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For a longer poncho, work an even number of additional rows in each color.

prairie poncho

st to next "peak," *3 dc in marked "peak" st, dc in each st to 1 st before next "valley," dc-double-dec, dc in each st to next "peak"; repeat from * around; dc again in same st as join; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 8 (dec round) Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in each st to 2 sts before next "valley," dc-quad-dec, dc in each st to next "peak," *3 dc in marked "peak" st, dc in each st to 2 sts before next "valley," dc-quad-dec, dc in each st to next "peak"; repeat from * around; dc again in same st as join; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—172 (212, 252) sts.

Round 9 Repeat Round 7. Fasten off B.

Round 10 (dec round) Join C with sl st in same st as join, repeat Round 8—152 (192, 232) sts.

Round 11 (dec round) With C, repeat Round 8—132 (172, 212) sts.

Rounds 12–15 With C, repeat Rounds 7 and 8 twice—92 (132, 172) sts. Fasten off C.

Round 16 Join D with sl st in same st as join, repeat Round 7.

Round 17 (dec round) With D, repeat Round 8—72 (112, 152) sts.

Rounds 18 and 19 With D, repeat Rounds 7 and 8—52 (92, 132) sts.

Round 20 With D, repeat Round 7. Fasten off D. Join E with sl st in same st as join.

sizes L/1X (2X/3X) only:
Rounds 21–24 (26) With E, repeat Rounds 7 and 8, 2 (3) times—52 (72) sts.

all sizes:
Round 21 (25, 27) With E, ch 3, dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of turning ch.

Rounds 22 (26, 28)–29 (33, 35) Ch 3, dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of turning ch. Fasten off.

finishing
Weave in all ends. Block lightly, if desired.

tie
With A, leaving a 6"/15cm beginning ch, ch 190. Fasten off, leaving a 6"/15cm tail. With A, make 2 pompoms. Use tail to tie one pompom to one end of tie. Weave tie through a row of double crochet stitches at middle of E-colored section (neckline). Use tail to tie second pompom to other end of tie. ∎

17½ (17½, 24)"

6"

14 (16, 18)"

PONCHO

65 (80, 92)"
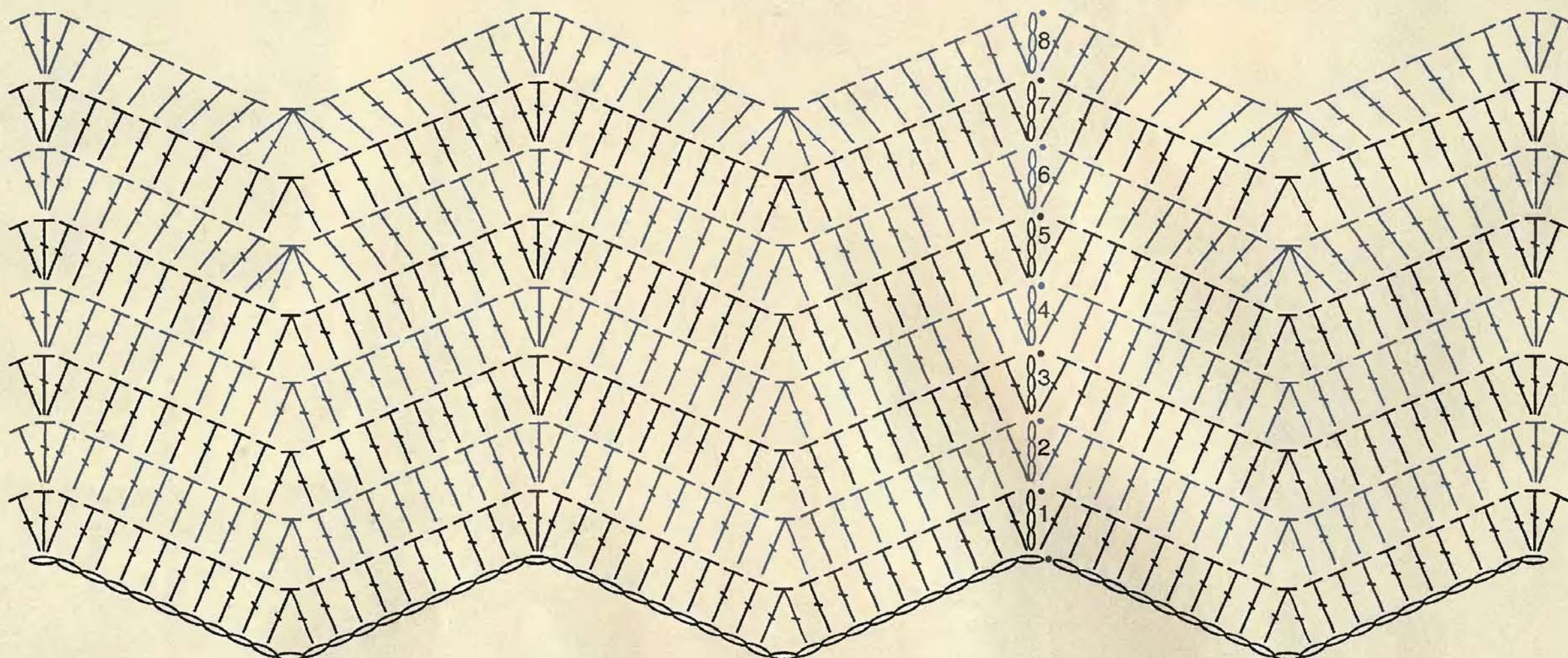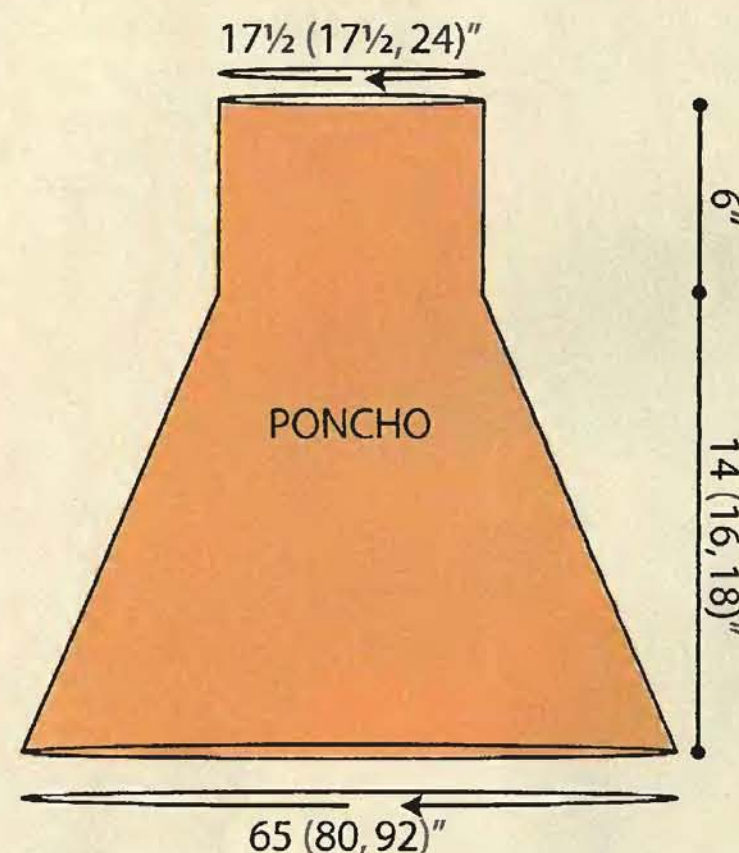
PONCHO

sunset throw

Gorgeous colors and a classic Southwestern motif make this easy afghan a guaranteed showstopper.

By Marianne Forrestal
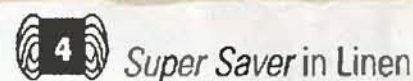
SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
Approx 42"/106.5cm x 60"/152.5cm

gauge
13 sc and 15 sc rows = 4"/10cm

13 dc and 4.5 dc rows = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With any color, ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—13 sc.

Rows 2-15 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

notes
1 When working with multiple color sections across a row, do not carry colors under sts. Instead, make bobbins (small, separate balls of yarn) for each color section, and join them as needed.

2 To change colors, work last st of old color until 2 lps rem on hook, yo with new color and draw through both lps on hook. Drop old color to wrong side of work to be picked up again on next row.

3 Fasten off any colors not being used on next row.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s) chain(s)	**yo** yarn over
dc double crochet	***** Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
lp(s) loop(s)	
rem remain(ing)	**[ ]** Repeat directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.
sc single crochet	
st(s) stitch(es)	

AFGHAN

With A, ch 138.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn—137 sc (Row 1 of chart complete).

Rows 2-64 Work in sc and dc following chart. Work all even-numbered rows from A to B, then work from C to B once, then work from C to D, turn. Work all odd-numbered rows from D to C, then work from B to C, then work from B to A, turn.

Rows 65-172 Repeat Rows 11-64 twice.

Rows 173-182 Repeat Rows 11-20.

Row 183 With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.

Rows 184-192 Repeat Rows 2-10. At end of Row 192, fasten off.

finishing
Weave in all ends. ■

tip

To keep your stitch count correct when working even in double crochet, always work the last stitch of the row in the third chain of the beginning chain-3 of the previous row. In patterns where the beginning chain-3 counts as a double crochet, always skip the first stitch in the previous row and work the first double crochet in the second stitch.

CHART

CHART KEY
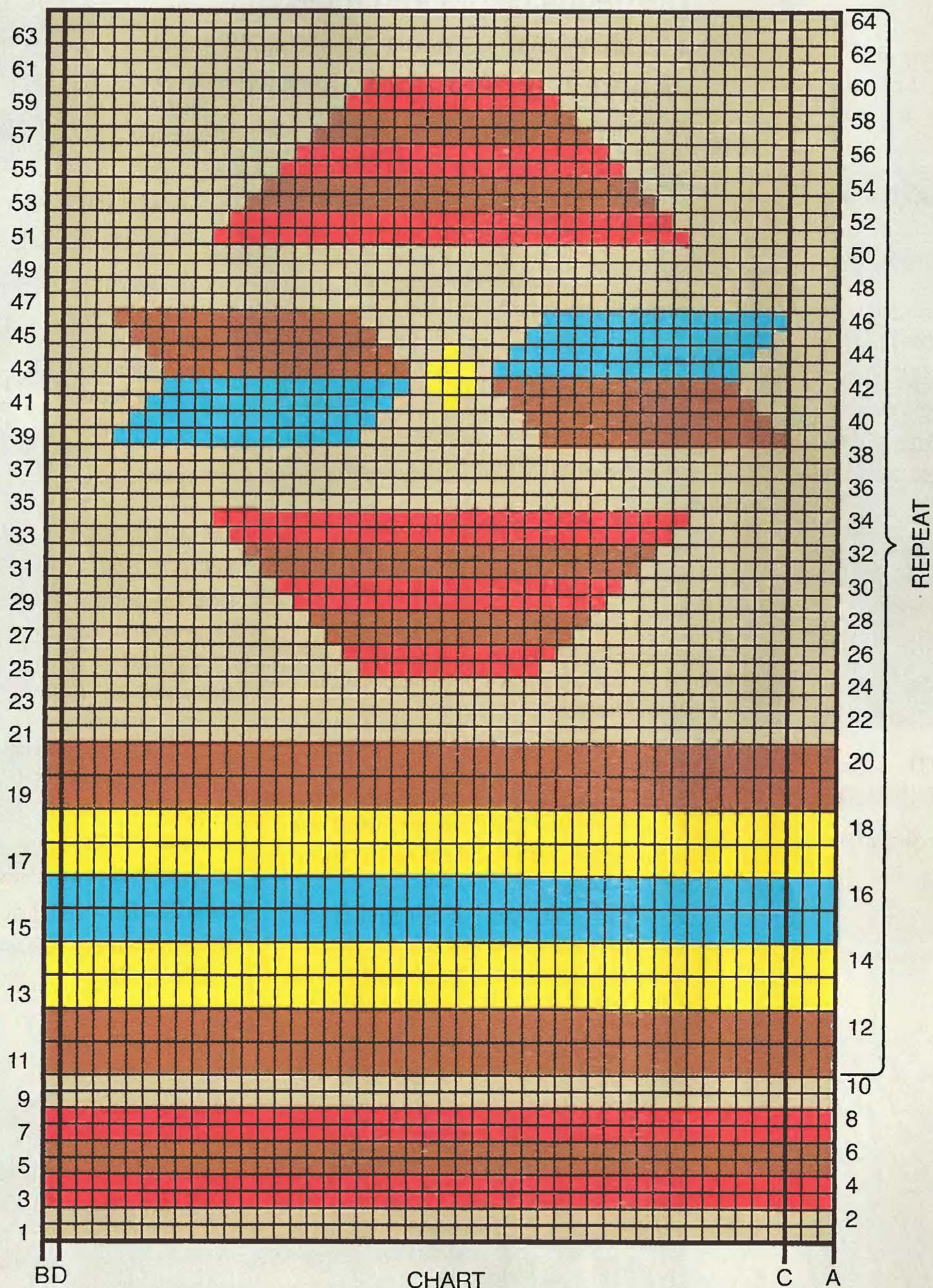
= sc in Linen (A)		= dc in Cornmeal (B)	
= sc in Cornmeal (B)			
= sc in Cafe (C)		= dc in Cafe (C)	
= sc in Ranch Red (D)		= dc in Dusty Teal (E)	
= sc in Dusty Teal (E)			

cowboy boot-ies

Add some Western flair to baby's wear with these cute, kickin' booties—stitch them in no time for a great gift!

By Alison Grenier

SKILL LEVEL: easy

size

fits 0–3 months

gauge

With A, 9 sc and 9 sc rows = 2"/5cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

With A, ch 10.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—9 sc.

Rows 2-9 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Swatch should measure approx 2"/5cm square. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

BOOTIE (make 2)
Cuff

Starting at top of bootie with A, ch 29.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—28 sc.

Rows 2-3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 25 sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc—27 sc.

Rows 5-6 Repeat Row 2.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 24 sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc—26 sc.

Rows 8-10 Repeat Row 2.

Row 11 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 23 sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc—25 sc.

Row 12 Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

instep

Note See step-by-step for more information on working around the post of the sts in the next row.

Row 1 With right side of Cuff facing, sk first 9 sc, join B with sc around post of next sc, sc around post of next 6 sc, leaving last 9 sc unworked – 7 sc.

Rows 2-8 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. At end of Row 8, fasten off.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch(s) chain(s)
hdc half double crochet
lp(s) loop(s)
rem remain(ing)
sc single crochet
sk skip

sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)
tog together
yo yarn over
[ ] Repeat directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

special abbreviations

sc2tog (sc 2 sts tog) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

rev sc (reverse sc) Working from left to right, insert hook in next st to right of last st, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through both lps on hook.

back seam

Whipstitch side edges of Cuff tog, forming a tube with instep at bottom front edge.

Sides

Round 1 With right side of Cuff facing, join B with sl st in first sc to left of seam on Row 12 of Cuff, ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each unworked sc on Row 12 across to instep, sc in edge of each Row along edge of instep, sc in each sc on Row 8 of instep, sc in edge of each Row along other edge of instep, sc in each rem unworked sc on Row 12 of Cuff; join with sl st in first sc—41 sc.

Rounds 2-4 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. At end of Round 4, fasten off.

Sole

With C, ch 8.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—7 sc.

Rows 2-10 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Do not fasten off.

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Your favorite little buckaroos will ride tall in the saddle with these cute booties.

cowboy boot-ies

Sole Edging

Round 1 Sc in each st and in edge if each Row around, working 2 sc in first and last st of first and last Rows; join with sl st in first sc—38 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Tabs (make 2)

With B, ch 11.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—10 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Front Decoration

With B, ch 5.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—4 sc.

Rows 2-4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 5 Ch 2 (counts as hdc), turn; hdc in first sc, 2 hdc in each rem sc across—8 hdc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Top Edging

With right side facing, join B with sl st in top edge of Cuff next to back seam, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, work rev sc around entire top edge of Cuff; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

decorative stitching

With right sides facing and one strand of C, add decorative stitching to edges of Tabs and Front Decoration, top edge of Sides and optional hearts on instep as shown in photograph.

assembly

With wrong sides tog, whipstitch Sole to Sides using long tail, easing in sts as needed. Fold Tabs over top edge of Cuff as shown in photograph and sew Tabs in place. Sew Front Decoration to front, bottom edge of Cuff as shown in photograph.

finishing

Weave in all ends. ∎

POST STITCHES

a To work around the post of a single crochet, insert the hook from front to back around the base (or post) of the stitch, rather than working into the loops at the top of the stitch.

b Yarn over and pull up a loop even with the top of the previous stitches. Yarn over again to complete the stitch.

c Here, several single crochet stitches have been worked around the post of the stitches from the row below.
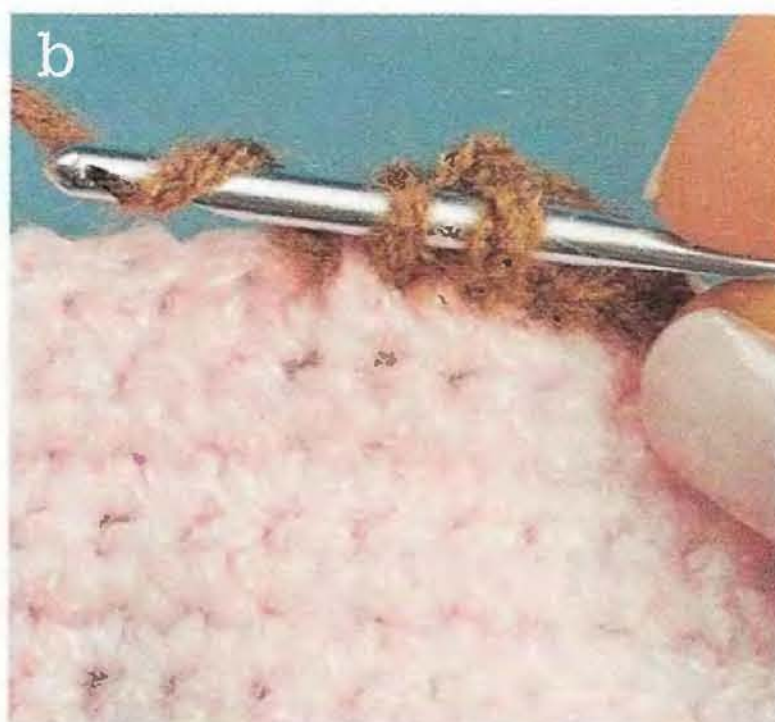
cowhide blankie

Stitch this soft and snuggly cowhide crochet blanket for your favorite little wrangler!

By Alison Grenier

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
Approx 27" x 27"/68.5cm x 68.5cm square

gauge
9 sts and 7 rows = 4"/10cm in half double crochet using size K/10½ (6.5mm) crochet hook. Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 10.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), hdc in each rem ch across—9 hdc.

Rows 2–7 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), turn, hdc in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

BLANKET
With A, ch 61.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc), hdc in each rem ch across—60 hdc.

Rows 2–47 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), turn, hdc in each st across.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

edging
With right side facing, join A with sl st in any corner of blanket.

Round 1 Ch 1, sc evenly spaced around all edges of blanket, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first st.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in each corner; join round and change color as follows: insert hook in first st, yarn over with B and draw through loops on hook. Fasten off A.

Round 3 With B, repeat Row 2; join round but do

not change color. Fasten off B and weave in ends.

SPOT A
With B, ch 5.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across—4 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each sc to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—6 sc

Rows 3–6 Repeat Row 2—14 sc.

Rows 7–13 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Rows 14 and 15 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog—10 sc.

Row 16 Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc; leave rem sts unworked.

Rows 17 and 18 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

SPOT B
With B, ch 16.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across—15 hdc.

Rows 2–11 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Edging Round Pivot piece to work in ends of rows along side, ch 3, work the following evenly spaced along the side edge: 4 dc, 1 hdc, 4 sc, and 4 hdc; work 3 dc in corner; pivot to work along opposite side of foundation ch, tr in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 9 sts; work 3 sc in corner; pivot to

what you'll need

the yarn

6 *Light and Lofty* in Onyx

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work along opposite side edge, work the following evenly spaced along the side edge: 1 sc, 4 tr, 8 hdc; work 3 dc in corner; pivot to work in sts of previous row, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, tr in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next st; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off and weave in ends.

SPOT C
With B, ch 25.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—24 sc.

Rows 2–4 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sts, hdc in rem 16 sts.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn, sc in next 16 hdc; leave rem sc unworked.

Rows 7 and 8 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Edging Round Working around all edges of spot, work sc evenly around; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

SPOT D
With B, ch 32.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across—31 hdc.

Rows 2–4 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to last 5 sts; leave last 5 sts unworked—26 hdc.

Row 6 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 7 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to last 3 sts; leave last 3 sts unworked—23 hdc.

Rows 8 and 9 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Row 10–12 Repeat Rows 7–9—20 hdc.

Row 13 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to last 3 sts; leave last 3 sts unworked—17 hdc.

Edging Rows Pivot piece to work in ends of rows along side, ch 1, sc evenly along edge; work 3 sc in corner; pivot to work along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in first 5 sts, hdc in each rem st to last 3 sts; leave last 3 sts unworked; ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across, leave last 5 sc unworked; ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across. Fasten off and weave in ends.

SPOT E
With B, ch 9.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across—8 hdc.

Rows 2–9 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Fasten off and weave in ends

finishing
Arrange spots on right side of blanket; refer to photograph for placement or arrange as desired. With A, sew spots to blanket. Weave in all ends. ∎

favorite cardi

Simple stitches, a flattering shape and vibrant colors make this cardigan one you're sure to love wearing again and again.

By Candi Jensen

SKILL LEVEL: easy

sizes
S (M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

finished bust: 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54)"/86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 116.5, 127, 137)cm, including 2"/5cm front band

finished length: 23 (25, 27, 27, 28, 28)"/58.5 (63.5, 68.5, 68.5, 71, 71)cm

gauge
12 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10cm over Griddle Stitch Pattern.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 13.

Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern for 16 rows.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

notes
1 Body of cardigan is worked in three pieces; a lower body piece (skirt), an upper body piece (bodice), and a band. The band is sewn between the lower and upper body pieces, to provide strength and shaping.

2 The cardigan is worked in Griddle Stitch. When instructed to work in pattern, always work an sc in each dc and a dc in each sc of previous row.

GRIDDLE STITCH PATTERN
Row 1 Ch 1, turn, *sc in next dc, dc in next sc; repeat from * across.

Repeat Row 1 for Griddle Stitch Pattern.

LOWER BODY
With A, ch 97 (109, 121, 133, 145, 157)

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—96 (108, 120, 132, 144, 156) sc.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch chain
dc double crochet
dec decrease(ing)
inc increase(ing)
rem remain(ing)
sc single crochet
sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

( ) Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.

[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

special abbreviations

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a loop] twice, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 3 (3½, 4, 4, 4, 4)"/7.5 (9, 10, 10, 10, 10)cm from beginning.

Next Row (dec row) Ch 1, turn, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 10 (12, 14, 16, 18, 20) times; [sc2tog] twice; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 24 (26, 28, 30, 32, 34) times; [sc2tog] twice; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 10 (12, 14, 16, 18, 20) times—92 (104, 116, 128, 140, 152) sts.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 6 (7, 8, 8, 8, 8)"/15 (18, 20.5, 20.5, 20.5, 20.5)cm from beginning.

Next Row (dec row) Ch 1, turn, sc in next dc, [dc in next sc, sc in next dc] 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times, [sc2tog] twice, [dc in next sc, sc in next dc] 23 (25, 27, 29, 31, 33) times, [sc2tog] twice, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times—88 (100, 112, 124, 136, 148) sts.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 9 (10½, 12, 12, 12, 12)"/23 (26.5, 30.5, 30.5, 30.5, 30.5)cm from beginning.

Next Row (dec row) Ch 1, turn, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times; [sc2tog] twice; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 22 (24, 26, 28, 30, 32) times; [sc2tog] twice; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times—84 (96, 108, 120, 132, 144) sts.

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

Try buttons in a contrasting hue (we'd love red) for more pop.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 11 (12, 13, 13, 14, 14)"/28 (30.5, 33, 33, 35.5, 35.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

UPPER BODY

With A, ch 85 (97, 109, 121, 133, 145).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—84 (96, 108, 120, 132, 144) sc.

Rows 2 and 3 Work 2 rows in Griddle Stitch Pattern.

Row 4 (inc row) Ch 1, turn, sc in next dc, [dc in next sc, sc in next dc] 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18) times, (dc, sc) in next 2 sts, [dc in next sc, sc in next dc] 23 (25, 27, 29, 31, 33) times, (dc, sc) in next 2 sts, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18) times—88 (100, 112, 124, 136, 148) sts.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 1¾"/4.5cm from beginning.

Row 5 (inc row) Ch 1, turn, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times; (sc, dc) in next 2 sts; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 24 (26, 28, 30, 32, 34) times; (sc, dc) in next 2 sts; [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times—92 (104, 116, 128, 140, 152) sts.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 2¾"/7cm from beginning.

Row 6 (inc row) Ch 1, turn, sc in next dc, [dc in next sc, sc in next dc] 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times, (dc, sc) in next 2 sts, [dc in next sc, sc in next dc] 25 (27, 29, 31, 33, 35) times, (dc, sc) in next 2 sts, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19) times—96 (108, 120, 132, 144, 156) sts.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 3 (3½, 4, 4, 4, 4)"/7.5 (9, 10, 10, 10, 10)cm from beginning. Do not fasten off.

Right Front

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 9 (11, 13, 14, 15, 16) times; leave rem sts unworked (for back and left front)—18 (22, 26, 28, 30, 32) sts.

Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 7½ (8, 8½, 8½, 8½, 8½)"/19 (20.5, 21.5, 21.5, 21.5, 21.5)cm from beginning. End with a right side row.

shape neck

Row 1 (wrong side – dec row) Ch 1, turn, work in Griddle Stitch (sc in each dc, dc in each sc) over first 15 (18, 22, 24, 26, 28) sts; leave rem sts unworked—15 (18, 22, 24, 26, 28) sts.

Row 2 (right side – dec row) Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, continue in Griddle Stitch across—14 (17, 21, 23, 25, 27) sts.

Row 3 (dec row) Ch 1, turn, work in Griddle Stitch across to last 2 sts, sc2tog—13 (16, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts.

Rows 4–5 (6, 7, 9, 9, 11) Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 1 (1, 2, 3, 3, 4) times, then repeat Row 2, 0 (1, 0, 0, 0, 0) more time(s)—11 (13, 16, 16, 18, 18) sts.

Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 10½ (11½, 12½, 12½, 12½, 12½)"/26.5 (29, 32, 32, 32, 32)cm. Fasten off.

Back

With right side facing, sk next 6 (6, 6, 8, 10, 12) unworked sts following right front, join A with sl st in next dc.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc in same dc as join, dc in next sc, [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 23 (25, 27, 29, 31, 33) times; leave rem sts unworked (for left front)—48 (52, 56, 60, 64, 68) sts.

Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern until back measures same as right front. Fasten off.

Left Front

With right side facing, sk next 6 (6, 6, 8, 10, 12) unworked sts following back, join A with sl st in next dc.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc in same dc as join, dc in next sc, *sc in next dc, dc in next sc; repeat from * across—18 (22, 26, 28, 30, 32) sts.

Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 7½ (8, 8½, 8½, 8½, 8½)"/19 (20.5, 21.5, 21.5, 21.5, 21.5)cm from beginning. End with a right side row.

shape neck

Row 1 (wrong side – dec row) Ch 1, turn, sl st in first 3 (4, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts, continue in Griddle Stitch across—15 (18, 22, 24, 26, 28) sts (excluding sl sts).

Row 2 (right side – dec row) Ch 1, turn, work in Griddle Stitch across to last 2 sts (excluding sl sts), sc2tog; leave sl sts unworked—14 (17, 21, 23, 25, 27) sts.

Row 3 (dec row) Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, continue in Griddle Stitch across—13 (16, 20, 22, 24, 26) sts.

Rows 4–5 (6, 7, 9, 9, 11) Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 1 (1, 2, 3, 3, 4) times, then repeat Row 2, 0 (1, 0, 0, 0, 0) more time(s)—11 (13, 16, 16, 18, 18) sts.

Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures same as back. Fasten off.

BAND

With A, ch 7.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—6 sc.

Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 28 (32, 36, 40, 44, 48)"/71 (81.5, 91.5, 101.5, 112, 122)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (make 2)

With B, ch 43 (47, 51, 51, 55, 55).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—42 (46, 50, 50, 54, 54) sc.

Rows 2–4 Work in 3 rows in Griddle Stitch Pattern.

Row 5 (dec row) Ch 1, turn, work in Griddle Stitch over first 5 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8) sts, sc2tog, *continue in Griddle Stitch over next 8 (9, 10, 10, 11, 11) sts, sc2tog; repeat from * 2 more times; continue in Griddle Stitch over rem sts—38 (42, 46, 46, 50, 50) sts.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 2"/5cm from beginning.

Next Row (dec row) Ch 1, turn, work in Griddle Stitch over first 3 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, sc2tog, *continue in Griddle Stitch over the next 7 (8, 9, 9, 10, 10) sts, sc2tog; repeat from * 2 more times; continue in Griddle Stitch over rem sts—32 (38, 42, 42, 46, 46) sts.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 2½"/6.5cm from beginning. Fasten off B. Turn work and join A with sl st in first st.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 3½"/9cm from beginning.

Next Row (inc row) Ch 1, turn, working in Griddle Stitch, work 2 sts in first st (inc made), continue in Griddle Stitch across to last st, work 2 sts in last st—34 (40, 44, 44, 48, 48) sts.

Next 3 Rows Work 3 rows in Griddle Stitch Pattern.

Repeat last 4 rows 4 more times—42 (48, 52, 52, 56, 56) sts.

Continue in Griddle Stitch Pattern until piece measures 10½ (11, 12, 12, 12)"/26.5 (28, 30.5, 30.5, 30.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

finishing

Working from wrong side of pieces, sew one long edge of band to top edge of lower body.

Sew opposite long edge of band to lower edge of upper body. Sew shoulder seams. Aligning center of sleeve with shoulder seam, sew sleeve in place, easing shoulder as needed, and sewing 1 (1, 1, 1¼, 1¾, 2)"/2.5 (2.5, 2.5, 3, 4.5, 5) cm of sleeve side to each underarm.

neck trim

With right side facing, join A with sl st in corner of neck, ch 1, work sc evenly spaced around neck edge to opposite corner. Fasten off.

front bands

With right side facing, join C with sl st in lower corner of front edge, ch 1, work sc evenly spaced across front edge (ensure that you have an even number of sts). Work in Griddle Stitch Pattern until band measures 2"/5cm. Fasten off. Repeat on opposite front edge. Sew button along right front band, as follows: sew first button at top of front band; sew rem two buttons, spaced approx 4"/10cm apart below the first button. Sew one half of a snap closure behind each button. Sew the other half of a snap closure along left front band opposite buttons.

Weave in all ends. ■
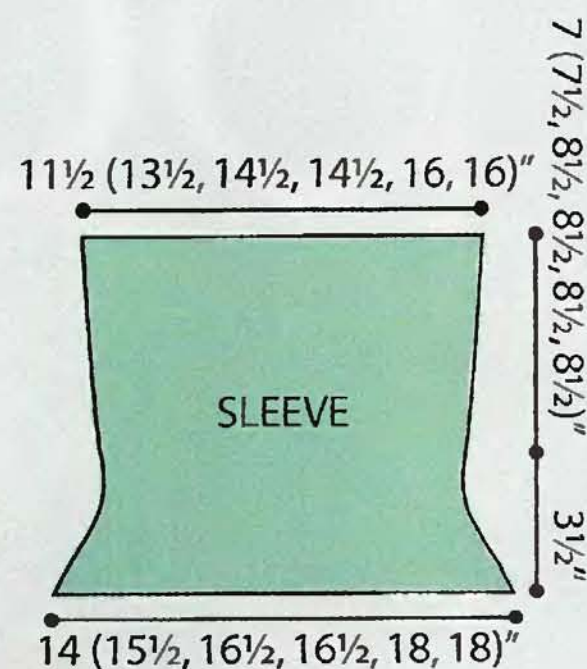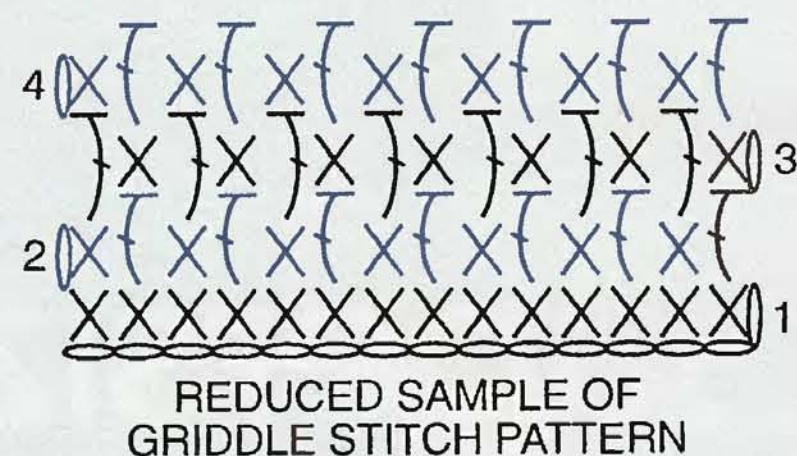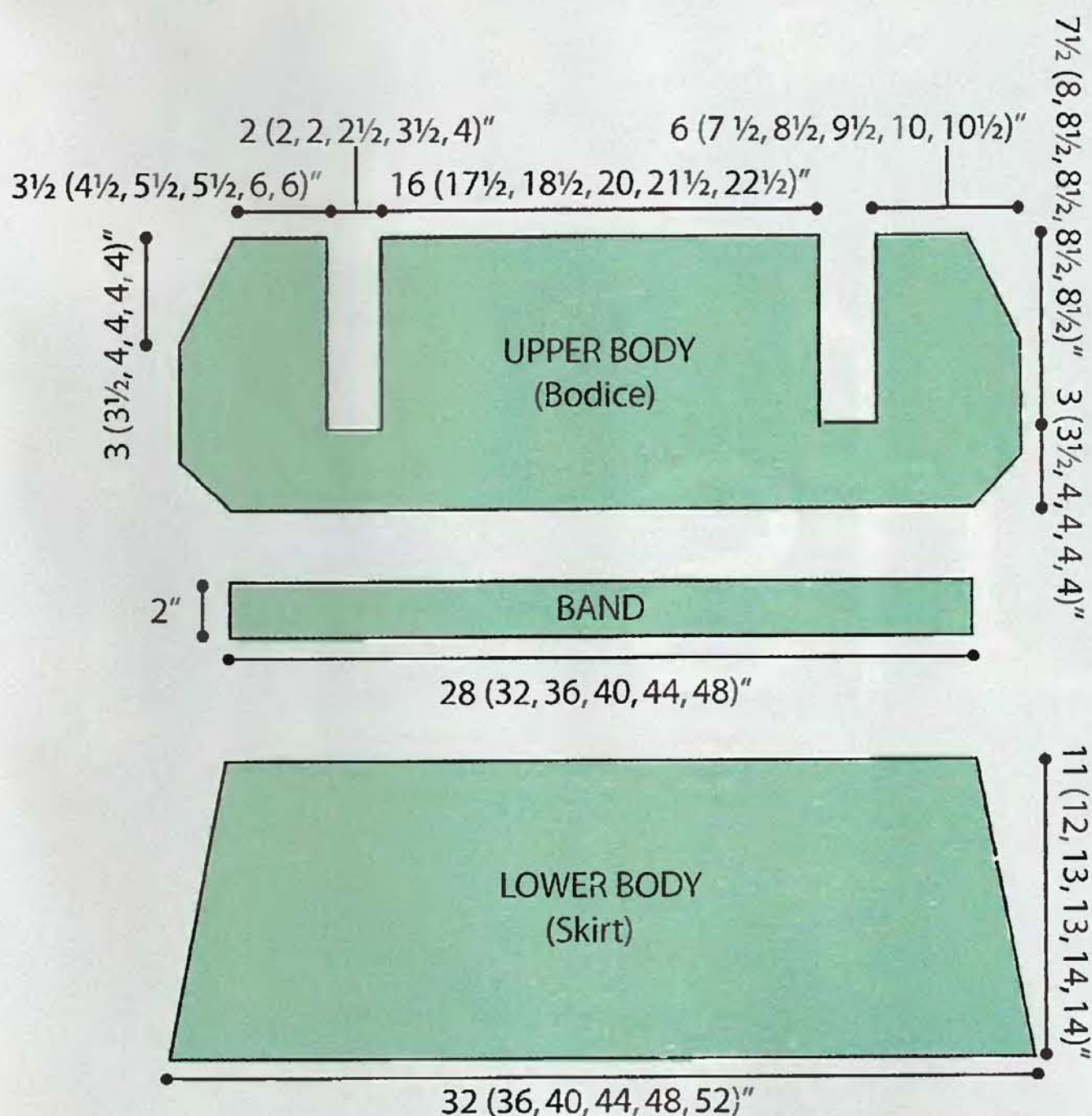
2 (2, 2, 2½, 3½, 4)"

6 (7 ½, 8½, 9½, 10, 10½)"

3½ (4½, 5½, 5½, 6, 6)"

16 (17½, 18½, 20, 21½, 22½)"

7½ (8, 8½, 8½, 8½, 8½)"

3 (3½, 4, 4, 4, 4)"

3 (3½, 4, 4, 4, 4)"

UPPER BODY (Bodice)

2"

BAND

28 (32, 36, 40, 44, 48)"

LOWER BODY (Skirt)

11 (12, 13, 13, 14, 14)"

32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52)"

4

3

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REDUCED SAMPLE OF GRIDDLE STITCH PATTERN

11½ (13½, 14½, 14½, 16, 16)"

7 (7½, 8½, 8½, 8½, 8½)"

3½"

SLEEVE

14 (15½, 16½, 16½, 18, 18)"

Stack them and use as a footrest, toss them around as floor cushions or share them with your pet. These fun pillows are the perfect accessory for any cozy room!

By Regina Rioux Gonzalez

supersize
poufs

sizes
small (medium, large)

finished measurements
Approx 17 (20, 26)"/43 (51, 66)cm diameter x 3 (5, 8)"/7.5 (12.5, 20.5)cm thick

gauge
7 sts and 7 rows = 4"/10cm in single crochet using size O/12mm crochet hook and holding 3 strands of yarn together (for small pouf).

6 sts and 6 rows = 4"/10cm in single crochet using size P/13mm crochet hook and holding 3 strands of yarn together (for medium pouf).

5 sts and 5 rows = 4"/10cm in single crochet using size Q/15mm crochet hook and holding 4 strands of yarn together (for large pouf).

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Hold 3 strands together for small and medium pouf. Hold 4 strands together for large pouf. With appropriate size hook for desired pouf, ch 8.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—7 sc.

Rows 2–7 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm (for small pouf), 4½" x 4½"/11.5cm x 11.5cm (for medium pouf), 5½" x 5½"/14cm x 14cm (for large pouf). *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note
Poufs are worked in continuous rounds; do not join or turn rounds. Use a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

POUF
Hold 3 strands of yarn together for small and medium pouf. Hold 4 strands of yarn together for large pouf.

top
With appropriate size hook, yarn color and number of strands held together for desired pouf, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join. Place marker in first sc to mark beginning of round. Move marker up as work progresses.

Round 2 2 sc in each st around—16 sts.

Round 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—24 sts.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch	chain	st(s)	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet	[ ]	Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
sl st	slip stitch		

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—32 sts.

Round 5 [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—40 sts.

Round 6 [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—48 sts.

Round 7 Sc in each st around.

Round 8 [Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—56 sts.

Round 9 [Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—64 sts.

Round 10 [Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—72 sts.

Round 11 [Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—80 sts.

Round 12 [Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—88 sts.

Round 13 [Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—96 sts.

sizes M (L) only:
Round 14 Sc in each st around.

Round 15 [Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—104 sts.

size L only:
Round 16 Sc in each st around.

all sizes:
Round 14 (16, 17) Working in back loops only, sc in each st around.

Rounds 15 (17, 18)–17 (23, 27) Sc in each st around.

Fasten off.

bottom
Work as for top through Round 13 (15, 16). Fasten off.

finishing
Place foam cushion form inside top. Place bottom over open end. Pin top and bottom together (optional). With appropriate hook, yarn color and number of strands held together for desired pouf, join yarn with sl st in any st of top. Crochet top to bottom, as follows: inserting hook in back loops of sts of last rounds of top and bottom at the same time, sl st in each st around. Fasten off. Weave in ends. ■

the yarn

(4) *Super Saver* in Dark Orchid

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rainbow granny 'ghan

Octagon and square grannies unite in this riotously colorful throw. Prefer a larger blanket? Make and add as many motifs as you like.

By Candi Jensen
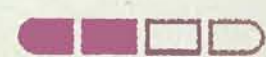
SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements

Approx 48"/122cm wide x 60"/152.5cm long

gauge

1 octagon motif = 12"/30.5cm across

1 square motif = 5½" x 5½"/14cm x14cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results!

note

All rounds of motifs, except the last round, are worked with right side facing.

Color Sequences

octagon motif		square motif	
motif 1	D, A, I	**motif a**	D, H
motif 2	F, C, J	**motif b**	J, G
motif 3	B, E, H	**motif c**	G, I
motif 4	I, H, E	**motif d**	B, F
motif 5	F, I, G	**motif e**	I, D
motif 6	A, F, C	**motif f**	C, E
motif 7	F, B, D	**motif g**	C, J
motif 8	J, H, B	**motif h**	F, I
motif 9	D, I, H	**motif i**	E, H
motif 10	G, A, I	**motif j**	E, G
motif 11	H, D, F	**motif k**	H, B
motif 12	A, E, J	**motif l**	F, J
motif 13	I, J, C		
motif 14	C, G, B		
motif 15	H, B, G		
motif 16	C, J, E		
motif 17	E, D, F		
motif 18	E, C, J		
motif 19	B, F, D		
motif 20	J, G, H		

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch chain

dc double crochet

hdc half double crochet

sl st slip stitch

sp space

st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

( ) Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.

[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

special abbreviations

beg-Cl (beginning cluster) Ch 3 (counts as dc), yarn over, insert hook in indicated st or sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on hook); yarn over, insert hook in same st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops on hook); yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Cl (cluster) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st or sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; [yarn over, insert hook in same st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

OCTAGON MOTIF (make 20 — 1 in each color sequence)

With first color, ch 5; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Beg-Cl in ring, [ch 2, Cl in ring] 7 times, ch 2; join with sl st in top of beg-Cl—8 clusters. Fasten off.

Round 2 Join second color with sl st in any ch-2 sp, (beg-Cl, ch 2, Cl) in same ch-2 sp, *ch 2, (Cl, ch 2, Cl) in next ch-2 sp; repeat from * around, ch 2; join with sl st in top of beg-Cl—16 clusters. Fasten off.

Round 3 Join third color with sl st in ch-2 sp between beg-Cl and next Cl, (ch 3 (counts as dc), dc) in same ch-2 sp (half corner made), [2 dc in next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp (corner made)] 7 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, 2 dc in same sp half corner (beginning corner completed); join with hdc in top of beginning ch-3 (counts as ch-2 sp)—8 cor-

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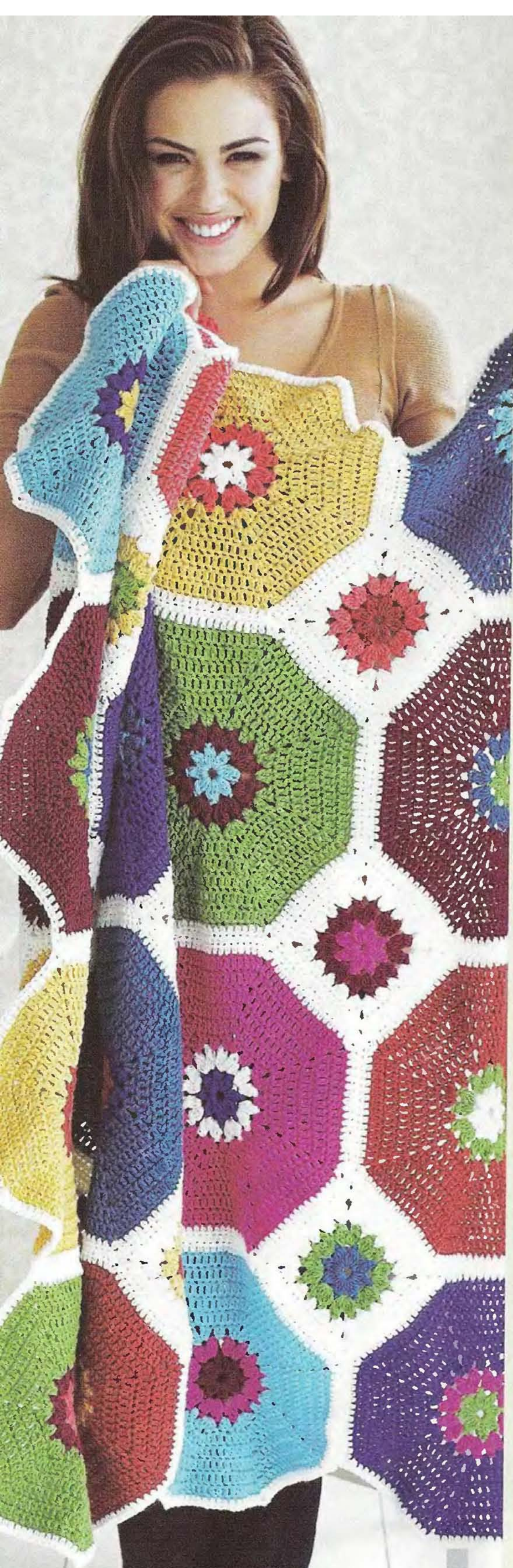
ners; 6 dc on each side.

Round 4 Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), [dc in next 6 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in corner ch-2 sp] 7 times, dc in next 6 dc, dc in same sp as beginning ch-3 (formed by joining hdc of previous round); join with hdc in top of beginning ch-3—8 dc each side.

Round 5 Ch 3, [dc in next 8 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in corner ch-1 sp] 7 times, dc in next 8 dc, dc in same sp as beginning ch-3; join with hdc in top of beginning ch-3—10 dc each side.

Round 6 Ch 3, [dc in next 10 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in corner ch-1 sp] 7 times, dc in next 10 dc, dc in same sp as beginning ch-3; join with hdc in top of beginning ch-3—12 dc each side.

Round 7 Ch 3, [dc in next 12 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in corner ch-1 sp] 7 times, dc in next 12 dc, dc in same sp as beginning ch-3; join with hdc in top of beginning ch-3—14 dc each side.

Round 8 Ch 3, [dc in next 14 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in corner ch-1 sp] 7 times, dc in next 14 dc, dc in same sp as beginning ch-3; join with hdc in top of beginning ch-3—16 dc each side. Fasten off.

Round 9 (wrong side) With wrong side facing, join A with sl st in any st; ch 2, hdc in each dc around, working (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in each corner ch-1 sp; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2—18 hdc each side. Fasten off.

**SQUARE MOTIF (make 12 – 1 in each color sequence)**
With first color, ch 5; join with sl st in

first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Beg-Cl in ring, [ch 2, Cl in ring] 7 times, ch 2; join with sl st in top of beg-Cl—8 clusters. Fasten off.

Round 2 Join second color with sl st in any ch-2 sp, (beg-Cl, ch 3, Cl) in same ch-2 sp (corner made), *ch 2, (Cl, ch 2, Cl) in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, (Cl, ch 3, Cl) in next ch-2 sp (corner made); repeat from * 2 more times; ch 2, (Cl, ch 2, Cl) in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; join with sl st in top of beg-Cl—16 clusters; 4 corners. Fasten off.

Round 3 Join A in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same ch-3 sp, *3 dc in next ch-2 sp, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp (corner made); repeat from * 2 more times; 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, 3 dc in same corner ch-3 sp as beginning ch-3, ch 1; join with hdc in top of beginning ch-3 (counts as corner ch-2 sp).

Round 4 (wrong side) Ch 2, turn, *hdc in each dc around, working (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in each corner ch-2 sp; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2. Fasten off.

finishing
Arrange motifs as shown in assembly diagram. With A, whipstitch motifs together.

Weave in all ends. ∎

stitch diagram

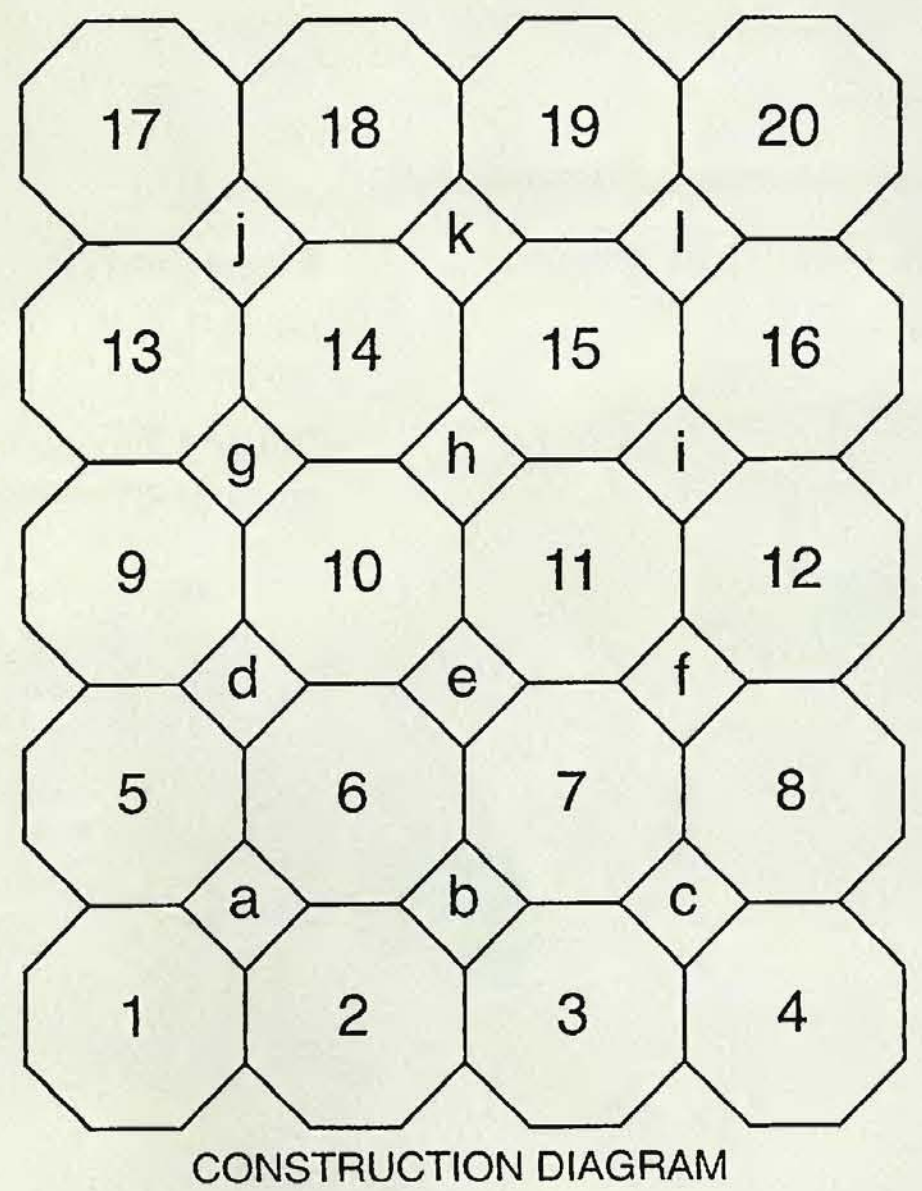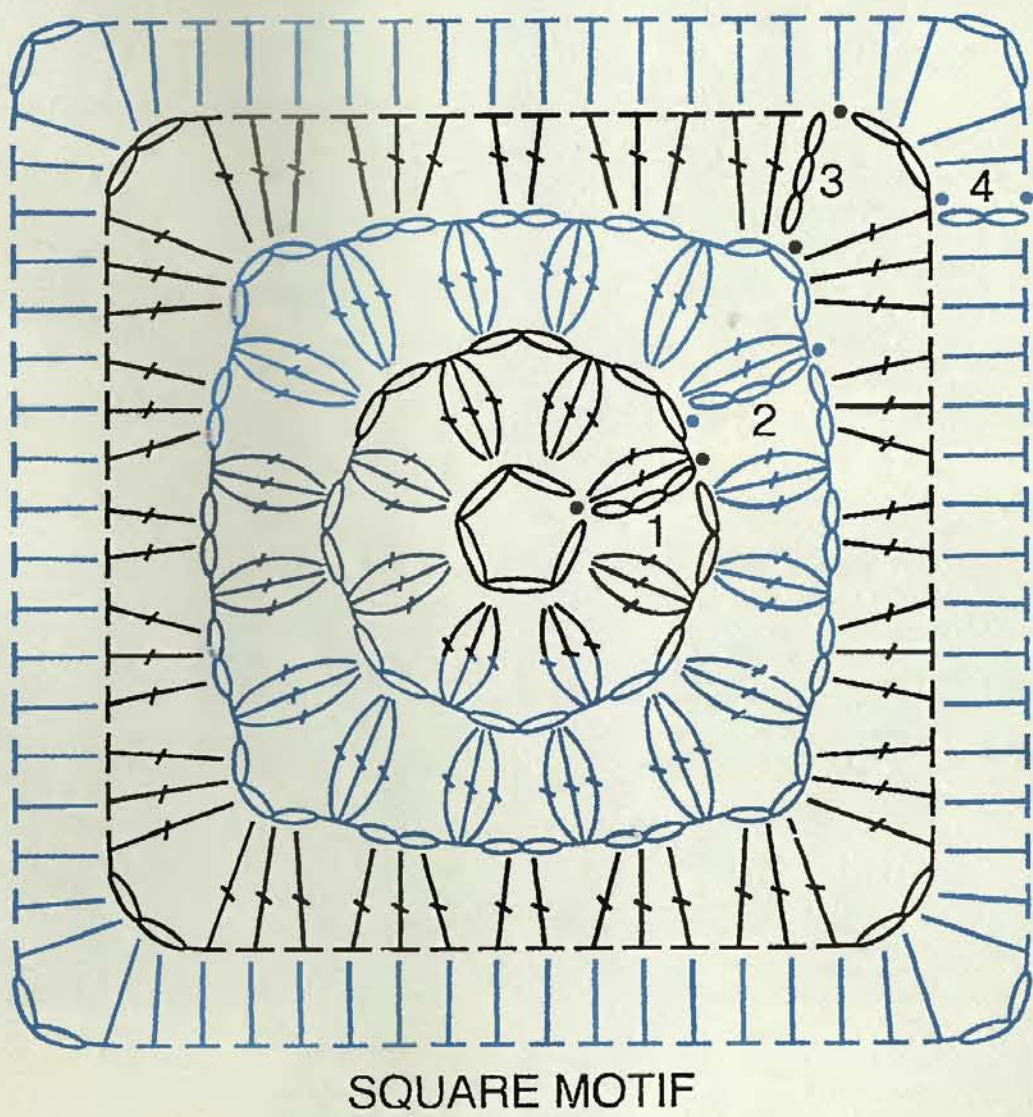OCTAGON MOTIF

stitch diagram

SQUARE MOTIF

17	18	19	20
	j	k	l
13	14	15	16
	g	h	i
9	10	11	12
	d	e	f
5	6	7	8
	a	b	c
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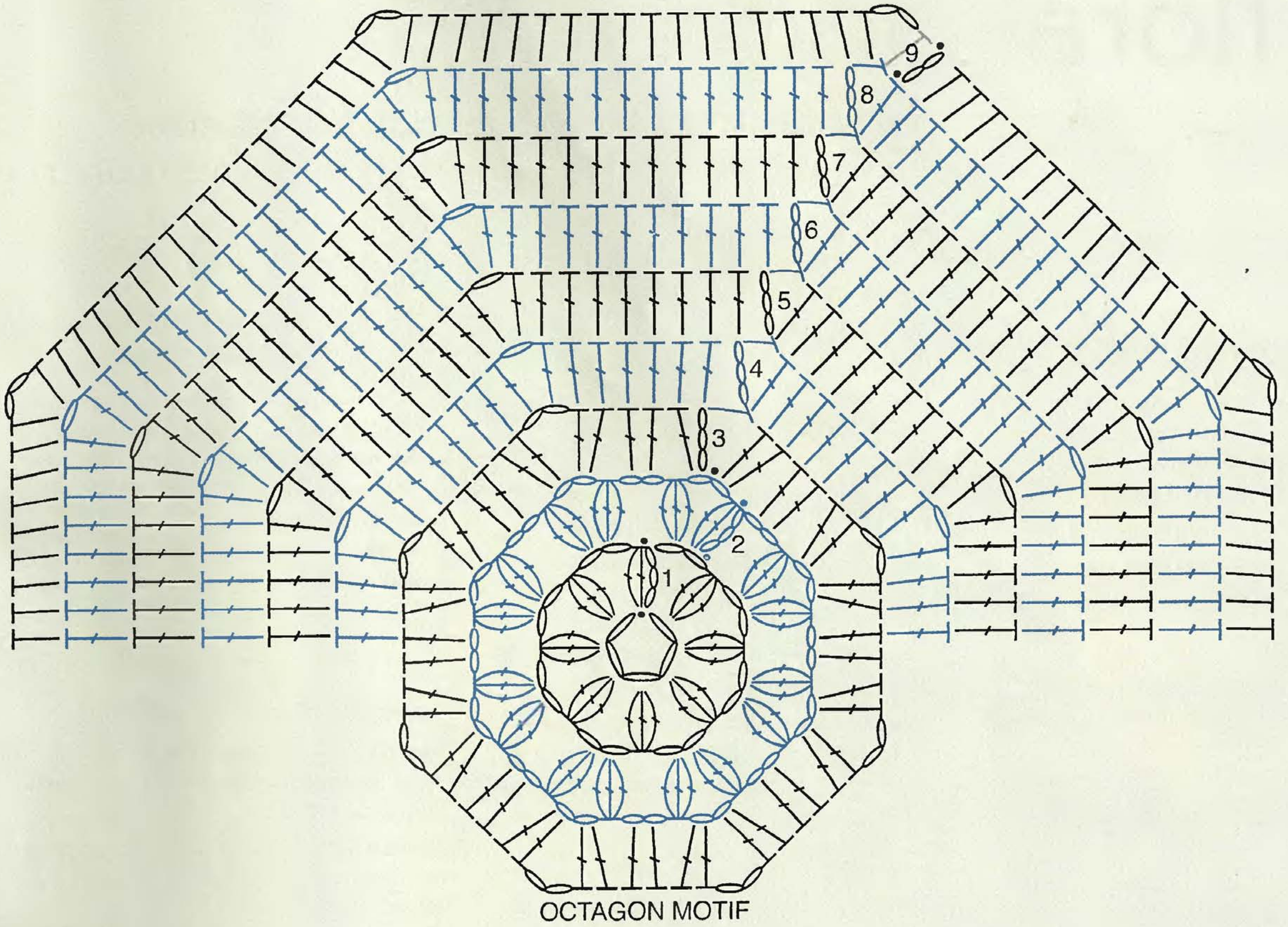
CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM

floral cloche

Two strands of sport-weight yarn held together make a chunky cap that's quick to stitch and totally cute.

By Julie Bueno

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished size
Approx 21"/53.5cm circumference

gauge
With I hook, Rounds 1-3 = 3½".9cm diameter

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
With I hook and 2 strands of A held tog, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.

Rounds 1-3 Work same as Rounds 1-3 on Cloche. Swatch should measure approx 3½"/9cm diameter. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

CLOCHE
Crown
With I hook and 2 strands of A held tog, ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 9 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—9 sc.

Round 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), dc in same sc as joining; *2 dc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—18 dc.

Round 3 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, dc in next dc; *2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join—27 dc.

Round 4 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, dc in next 2 dc; *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from *

around; join—36 dc.

Round 5 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, dc in next 3 dc; *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from * around; join—45 dc.

Round 6 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, dc in next 4 dc; *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc; repeat from * around; join—54 dc.

Rounds 7-10 Ch 3; *dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join.

Brim
Round 1 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining and in each dc around; join with sl st in first sc—54 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; *sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join—65 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining, sc in each rem sc around; join—66 sc.

Rounds 4-6 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining and in

what you'll need

YARN
RED HEART *Designer Sport*, 3oz/85g balls, each approx 279yd/255m (acrylic)

- 2 balls #3770 Berry (A)
- 1 ball #3650 Pistachio (B)
- 1 ball #3730 Blush Rose (C)
- 1 ball #3261 Terra Cotta (D)

CROCHET HOOK
- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*
- Size K/10½ (6.5mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS
- Pin back or large 2½"/6.5cm safety pin
- Sewing needle and matching sewing thread (optional)
- Yarn needle

the yarn

3 *Designer Sport* in Berry

tip To make a single-colored flower, do not change colors in Rounds 3–7 or fasten off rounds until the end of Round 7.
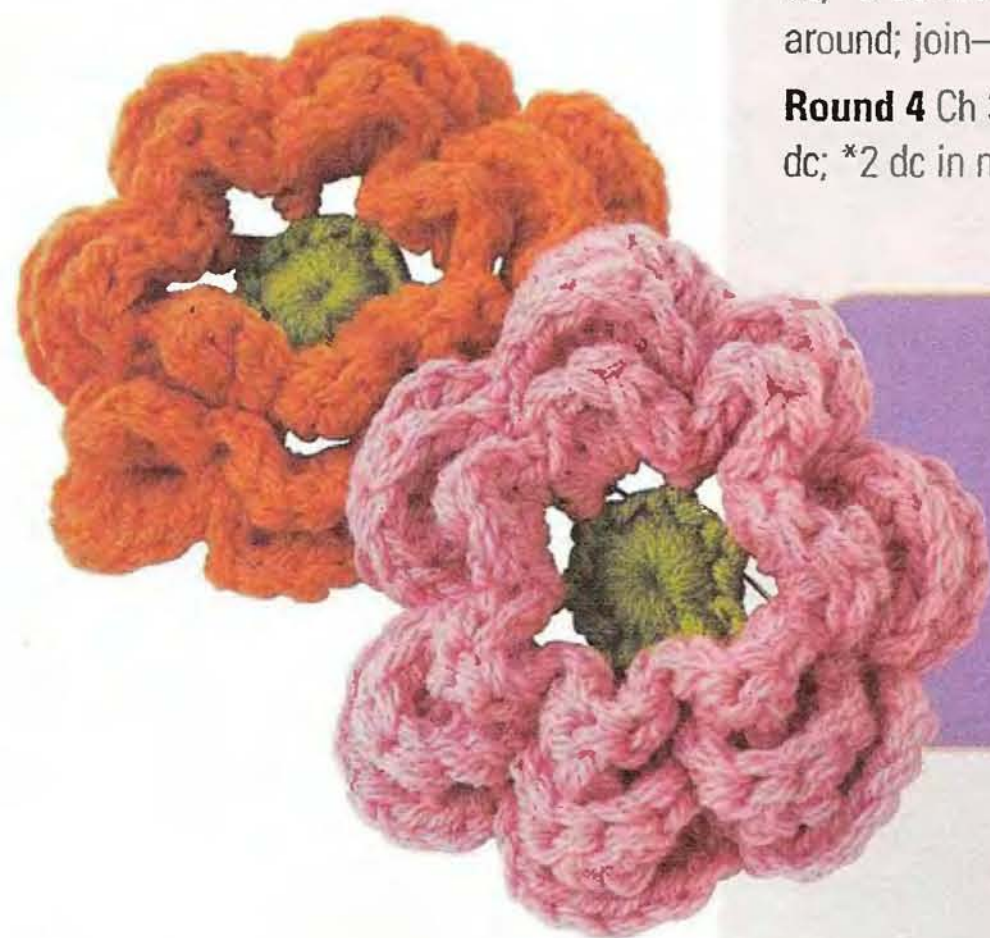
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floral cloche

each sc around; join.

Round 7 Repeat round 3—67 sc. Fasten off.

FLOWER PIN
Flower (use K hook and 2 strands of yarn held tog throughout)

With B, ch 7; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, work 14 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—14 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining; *ch 3, sk next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * 5 times more; ch 3, sk next sc; join with sl st in first sc—7 ch-3 sps. Fasten off.

Round 3 With right side facing, join C with sl st in first ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in same sp as joining (petal made); *(sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; join—7 petals.

Round 4 Ch 1, working behind petals, sc around post of first sc on round 2, ch 4; *sc around post of next sc on round 2, ch 4; repeat from * around; join—7 ch-4 sps. Fasten off.

Round 5 With right side facing, join D with sl st in first ch-4 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in same sp as joining (petal made); *(sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp; repeat from * around; join—7 petals.

Round 6 Ch 1, working behind petals, sc around post of first sc on round 4, ch 5; *sc around post of next sc on round 4, ch 5; repeat from * around; join—7 ch-5 sps. Fasten off.

Round 7 With right side facing, join C with sl st in first ch-5 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, 6 dc, hdc, sc) in same sp as joining (petal made); *(sc, hdc, 6 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * around; join—7 petals. Fasten off.
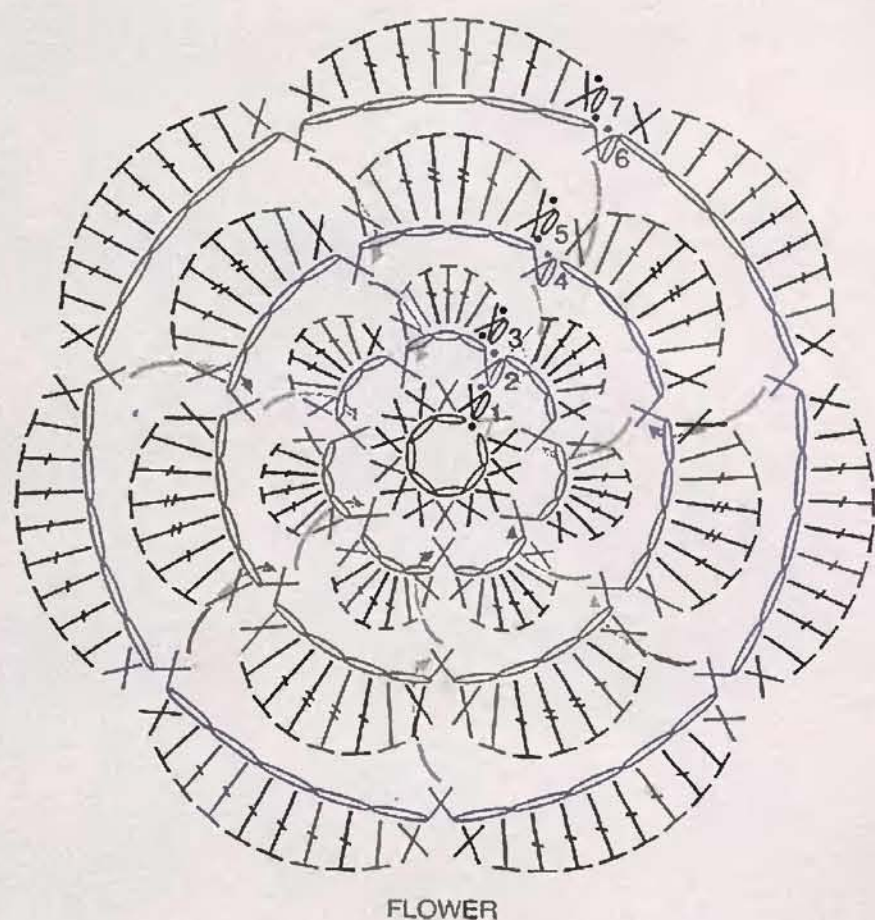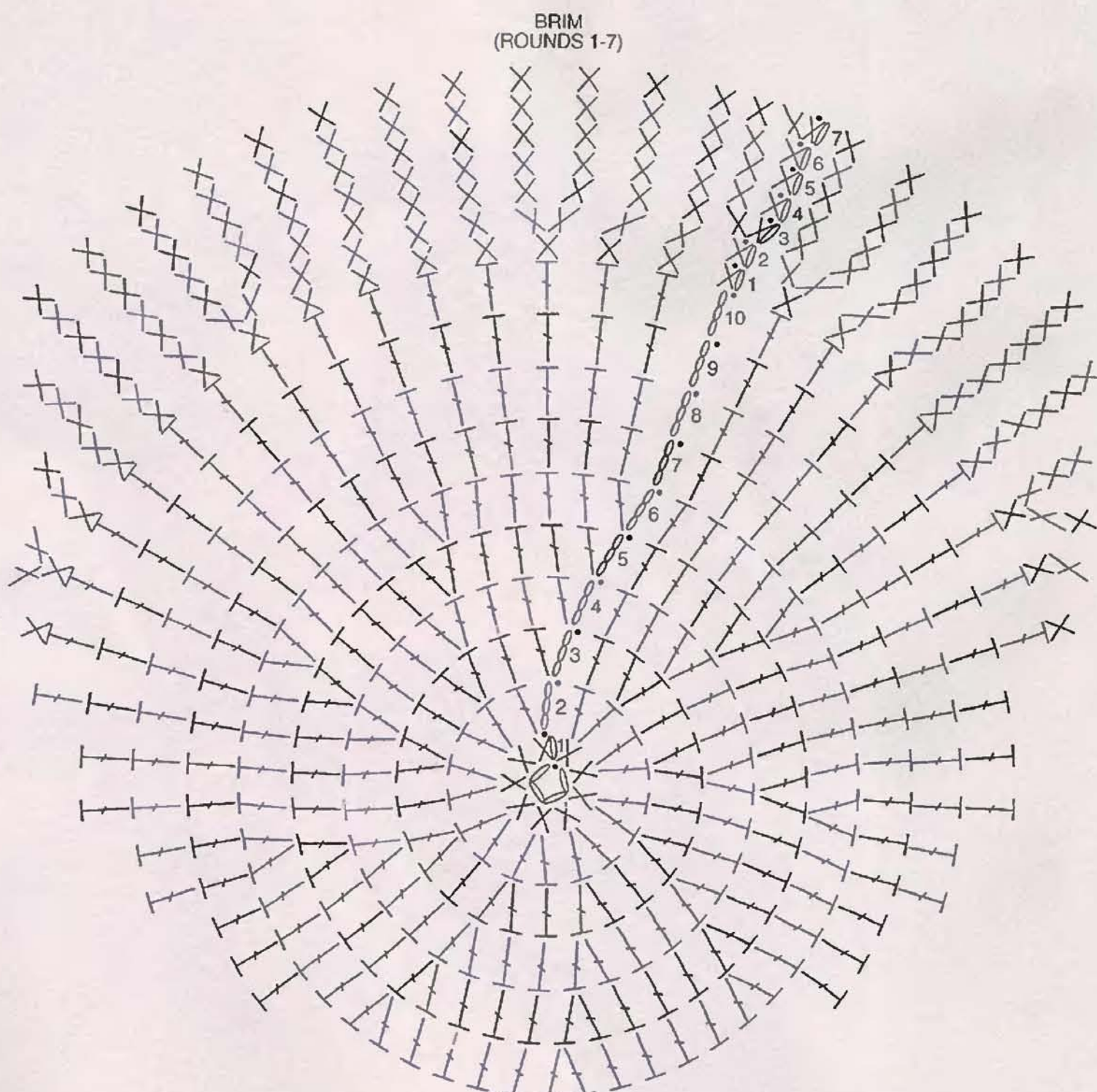
finishing
Weave in all ends.

assembly
With yarn needle and length of yarn, sew bar pin or safety pin to back of flower. Pin flower on side of cloche. If desired, sew flower directly onto cloche using a yarn needle and matching yarn. ■

stitch diagram

FLOWER

BRIM
(ROUNDS 1-7)

CROWN
ROUNDS 1-10
CLOCHE

stitch diagram

quick & easy wrap

What's better than a thick and chunky cover-up that's quick and easy to stitch? Give this cozy piece a try!

By Ellen K. Gormley

what you'll need

YARN
RED HEART *Zoomy*, 3.5oz/100g balls, each approx 83yd/76m (acrylic/wool/nylon)

- [ ] 5 balls #8386 Lt. Ocean

CROCHET HOOK
- [ ] Size L/11 (8mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*
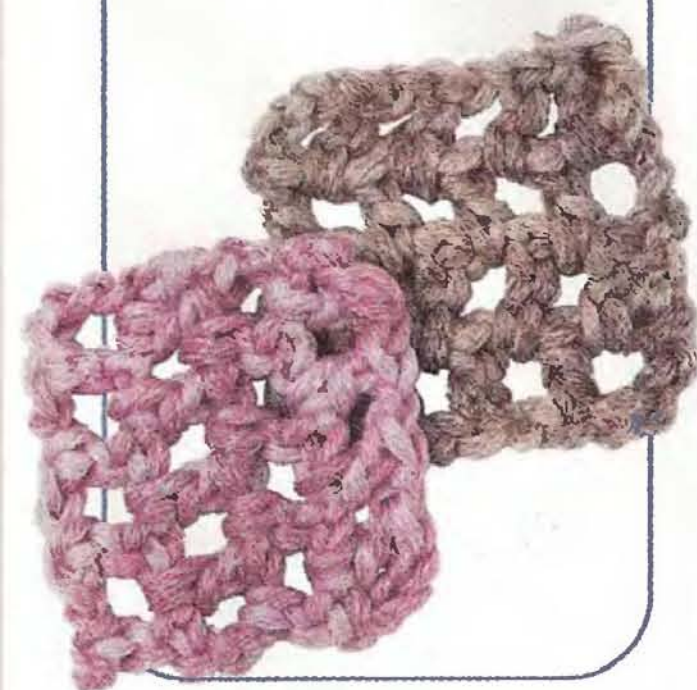
NOTIONS
- [ ] Yarn needle

the yarn

(6) *Zoomy* in Lt. Ocean

try this!

We think this wrap looks lovely in these colors, too.

- RED HEART *Zoomy*, #8379 Malted
- RED HEART *Zoomy*, #8275 Candy Pink

SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
Approx. 60"/152cm long x 20"/51cm wide (at widest point)

gauge
11 sts (6 dc and 5 ch-1 sps) = 4"/10.2cm; 7 dc rows = 5"/12.7cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 14.

Row 1 Dc in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc and ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sk next ch, dc in next ch] 4 times—6 dc and 5 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp] 3 times, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in first 2 skipped chs—7 dc and 4 ch-2 sps.

Row 3 Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp] 3 times, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3—6 dc and 5 ch-1 sps.

Rows 4-7 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 twice, working last 2 dc on Rows 4 and 6 in 4th and 3rd chs of turning ch-4. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10.2cm wide x 5"/12.7cm high. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note
Unless otherwise specified, last dc is worked in 3rd ch of turning ch-3.

WRAP
Ch 4.

Row 1 (wrong side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc)—2 dc.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc now and through-out), turn; dc in first dc, dc in first skipped ch —3 dc.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in first dc, ch 1, sk next dc, 2 dc in last dc—4 dc and 1 ch-1 sp.

Row 4 Ch 3, turn; dc in first dc, ch 1, sk next dc, dc

Abbreviations used in this pattern

- **ch(s)** chain(s)
- **dc** double crochet
- **sc** single crochet
- **sk** skip
- **sl st** slip stitch
- **sp(s)** space(s)
- **st(s)** stitch(es)
- **tog** together
- ***** Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
- **[ ]** Repeat directions in brackets as many times as indicated.

special abbreviations

dc2tog (dc 2 sts together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st or sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

dc3tog (dc 3 sts together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st or sp, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

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in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next dc, 2 dc in last dc—5 dc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Row 5 Ch 3, turn; dc in first dc; *ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across to last 2 dc; ch 1, sk next dc, 2 dc in last dc—6 dc and 3 ch-1 sps.

Rows 6-27 Repeat Row 5, 22 more times – 1 more dc and 1 more ch-1 sp in each row than in previous row. At end of Row 6—7 dc and 4 ch-1 sps. At end of Row 27—28 dc and 25 ch-1 sps.

Row 28 Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next dc, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next dc] 25 times, dc in last dc – 27 dc and 26 ch-1 sps.

Row 29 Ch 3, turn; [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next dc] 25 times, dc in turning ch-4 sp and in 3rd ch of turning ch-4—28 dc and 25 ch-1 sps.

Rows 30-55 Repeat Rows 28 and 29, 13 more times.

Row 56 Ch 3, turn; dc2tog in next dc and in next ch-1 sp; *ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across to last ch-1 sp; ch 1, sk next dc, dc2tog in last ch-1 sp and in next dc; dc in last dc—
Row 57-78 Repeat Row 56, 22 more times—1 less

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dc and 1 less ch-1 sp in each row than in previous row. At end of Row 57—24 dc, 2 dc2tog and 23 ch-1 sps. At end of Row 78—3 dc, 2 dc2tog and 2 ch-1 sps.

Row 79 Ch 3, turn; dc2tog in next dc and in next ch-1 sp; ch 1, sk next dc; dc2tog in next ch-1 sp and in next dc; dc in last dc—2 dc, 2 dc2tog and 1 ch-1 sp.

Row 80 Ch 3, turn; dc3tog in next dc, ch-1 sp and dc; dc in last dc—2 dc and 1 dc3tog.

Row 81 Ch 3, turn; dc2tog in next dc and in last dc—1 dc and 1 dc2tog. Do not fasten off.

Edging

Round 1 Ch 12, sl st in top of last st on Row 81, turn to right side; work 14 sc in ch-12 loop just made (buttonhole); work 2 sc in edge of each row across to bottom point, ch 1, work 2 sc in edge of each row across to top point; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Button

Ch 4; join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), [dc in ring, ch 1] 6 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—7 dc and 7 ch-1 sps.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, [sc in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc—21 sc. Fasten off, leaving an 8"/20.5 cm tail for sewing.
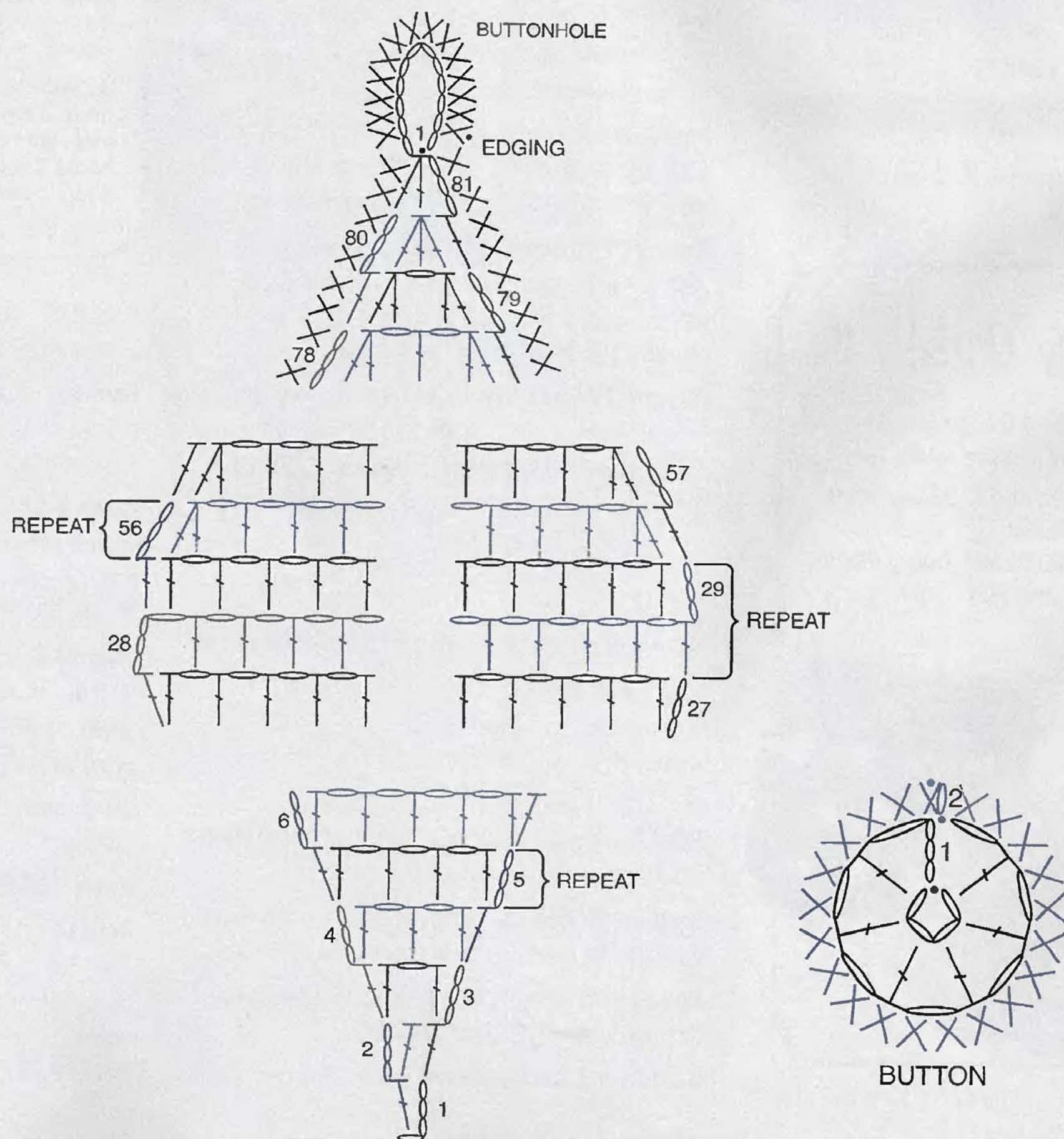
assembly

With tail at end of button, firmly sew center of button to right side of blanket/wrap at bottom point.

finishing

Weave in all ends. ■

stitch diagram

BUTTONHOLE
EDGING
81
80
79
78

57
REPEAT 56
29
REPEAT
28
27

6
5 REPEAT
4
3
2
1

BUTTON

dapper dog sweater

Dress your pet in this preppy argyle sweater—he'll be sure to turn heads at the dog park!

By Joyce Nordstrom

SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

sizes
S (M, L)

finished measurements
neck 10½ (15, 19)"/26.5 (38, 48.5)cm

chest 15 (22, 30)"/38 (56, 76)cm

length 14 (21, 25)"/35.5 (53.5, 63.5)cm (excluding turtleneck)

gauge
15 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10cm over double crochet using size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

17 sts and 17 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet worked in back loops using size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 17.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc) and in each remaining ch across—15 dc.

Rows 2–8 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn, dc in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note
The turtleneck is worked first, then the sweater is worked from the neck down.

TURTLENECK RIBBING
With smaller hook and A, ch 12 (16, 20) loosely.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—11 (15, 19) sc.

Rows 2–44 (64, 80) Ch 1, turn, working in back lps only, sc in each st across.

Do not fasten off.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch	chain	**sk**	skip
dc	double crochet	**sl st**	slip stitch
hdc	half double crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
inc	increase	**tog**	together
lp(s)	loop(s)	**yo**	yarn over
rem	remain(ing)	**[ ]**	Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.
sc	single crochet		

special abbreviations

dc2tog (dc 2 sts tog) [Yo, insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

special technique

surface slip stitch Make a slip knot, but do not place it on hook. Hold slip knot on wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from right side of fabric through to wrong side. Place slip knot on hook, draw lp to right side. Insert hook from right side to wrong side through next desired st or sp, yo, draw lp to right side and through lp on hook (surface sl st made). To end a line of surface sl sts, draw up a lp on the right side of fabric. Remove hook from lp and take hook to wrong side of fabric. Insert hook from wrong side to right side, place lp on hook, draw lp through to wrong side of fabric. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Draw tail through final lp and pull tight.

BODY
Change to larger hook.

Set-Up Row (right side) Pivot to work in ends of Rows along long side of ribbing, work 45 (65, 81) sc evenly spaced across side. Place a marker on this Row to indicate right side. Do not fasten off.

With right side facing, count across 9 (19, 27) sts and place a marker, count across next 27 sts and place a marker. There should be 9 (19, 27) sts following the last marker. Move markers up as work progresses.

Row 1 (inc) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dc in first st (inc made), dc in each

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Make this cover-up in your doggie's favorite colors.

dapper
dog sweater

st to first marker; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in Row 1 of Argyle Chart (to next marker); dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in last st (inc made)—47 (67, 83) sts.

Rows 2–5 (8, 15) Ch 3, turn, dc in first st, dc in each st to first marker; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in next row of Argyle Chart; dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in last st—55 (81, 111) sts.

first chest piece

Row 6 (9, 16) Ch 3, turn, dc in next 5 (9, 13) sts; leave rem sts unworked (for leg openings, back, and second chest piece—6 (10, 14) sts.

Rows 7 (10, 17)–8 (13, 22) Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across.

Fasten off.

Back

Sk next 5 (8, 11) unworked sts of body (following first chest piece) for first leg opening.

Row 6 (9, 16) Join A with sl st in next st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 (8, 16) sts; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in Row 6 (9, 16) of Argyle Chart; dc in next 3 (9, 17) sts; leave rem sts unworked (for second leg opening and second chest piece)—33 (45, 61) sts.

Rows 7 (10, 17)–8 (13, 22) Ch 3, turn, dc in next 2 (8, 16) sts; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in next row of Argyle Chart; dc in next 3 (9, 17) sts.

Fasten off.

second chest piece

Sk next 5 (8, 11) sts unworked sts of body (following back) for second leg opening.

Row 6 (9, 16) Join A with sl st in next st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in rem 5 (9, 13) sts—6 (10, 14) sts.

Rows 7 (10, 17)–8 (13, 22) Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across.

Do not fasten off.

join chest pieces and back

Row 9 (14, 23) Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across second chest piece; ch 5 (8, 11); working across back sts, dc in next 3 (9, 17) sts; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in next row of Argyle Chart; dc in next 3 (9, 17) sts; ch 5 (8, 11); dc in each st across first chest piece.

Row 10 (15, 24) Ch 3, turn, dc in each st to first marker; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in next row of Argyle Chart; dc in each st across—55 (81, 111) sts.

Repeat last row until piece, measured from lower edge of turtleneck, measures approx 6 (10, 12½)"/15 (25.5, 32)cm (or desired length to end of rib cage).

shape back

Row 1 Ch 1, turn, sk first st, sl st in next 9 (13, 18) sts, ch 3 (counts as dc, based at last sl st), dc in next 4 (13, 23) sts; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in next Row of Argyle Chart; dc in next 5 (14, 24) sts; leave remaining sts unworked—37 (55, 75) dc.

Rows 2–4 (8, 11) (decrease) Ch 3, turn, dc2tog, dc in each st to next marker; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in next row of Argyle Chart; dc in each st to last 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in last st—31 (41, 55) sts.

Row 5 (9, 12) Ch 3, turn, dc in each st to first marker; work next 27 sts in colors indicated in next row of Argyle Chart; dc in each st across.

Repeat last row until sweater measures, measured from lower edge of turtleneck, 14 (21, 25)"/35.5 (53.5, 63.5)cm (or desired length to base of tail). Fasten off.

finishing

With larger hook and D, work surface slip st lines diagonally across diamonds to complete argyle pattern.

Working from wrong side, sew side edges together from top of turtleneck to beginning of back shaping.

edge lower opening

With right side facing, join A with sl st in chest seam.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3, work dc evenly around lower edge of sweater, working 5 dc in each outside corner; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 2 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st around, working 4 hdc in each outside corner; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Round 3 With wrong side facing, join D with sl st in any hdc of Round 2, sl st loosely in each st around. Fasten off.

Legs

With right side facing, join A in any st of leg opening.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3, dc evenly spaced around leg opening; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 2 Ch 3, turn, dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 3 Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Round 4 With wrong side facing, join D in any hdc of Round 3, sl st loosely in each st around. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends. ∎

8¼ (11, 14½)"

BODY

chest piece

chest piece

leg opening

leg opening

1½ (2½, 3½)"

1¼ (2¼, 3)"

turtleneck

8 (11, 12½)"

3½ (6, 5)"

2½ (4, 7½)"

2½ (3½, 4½)"

10½ (15, 19)"

15 (22, 30)"
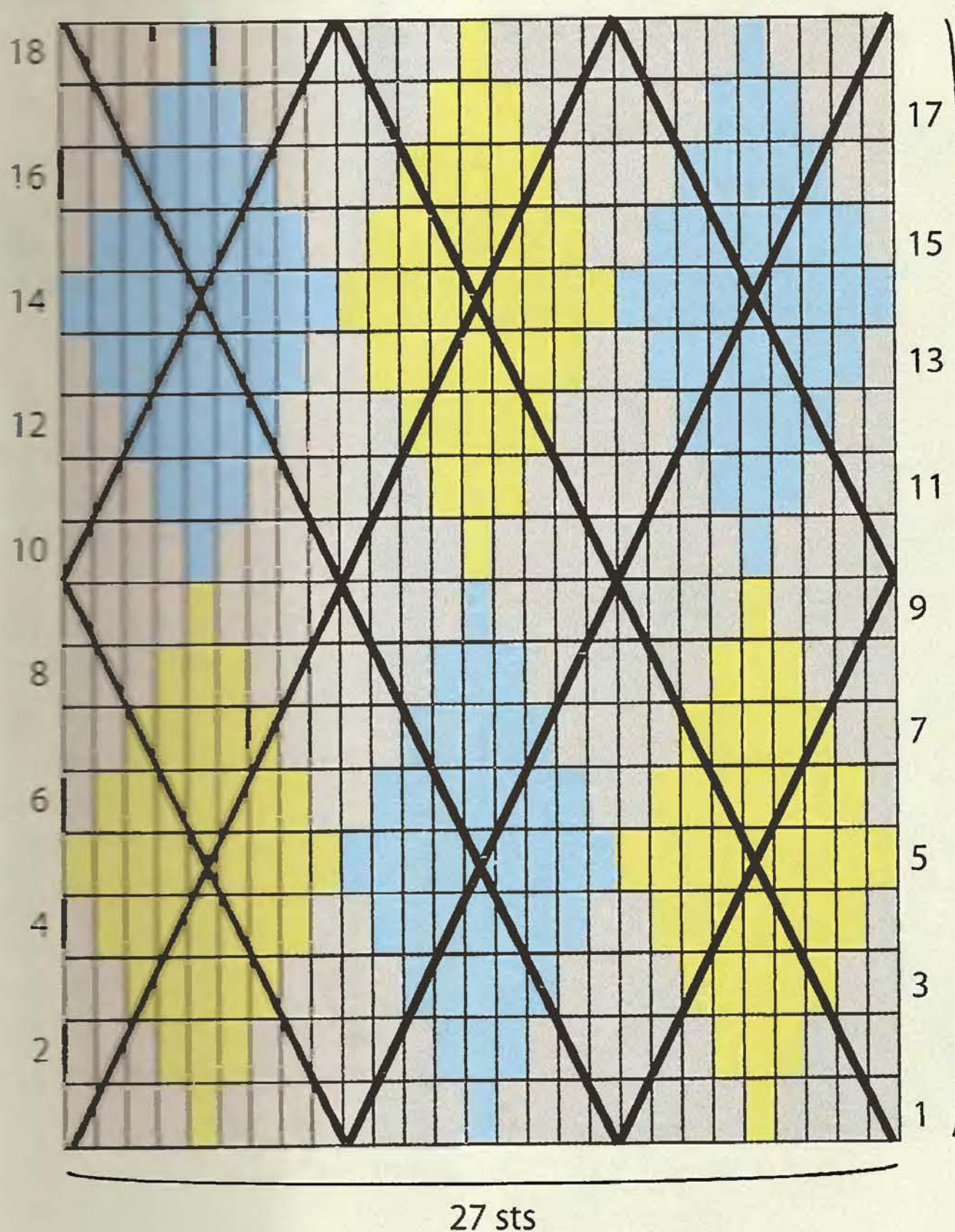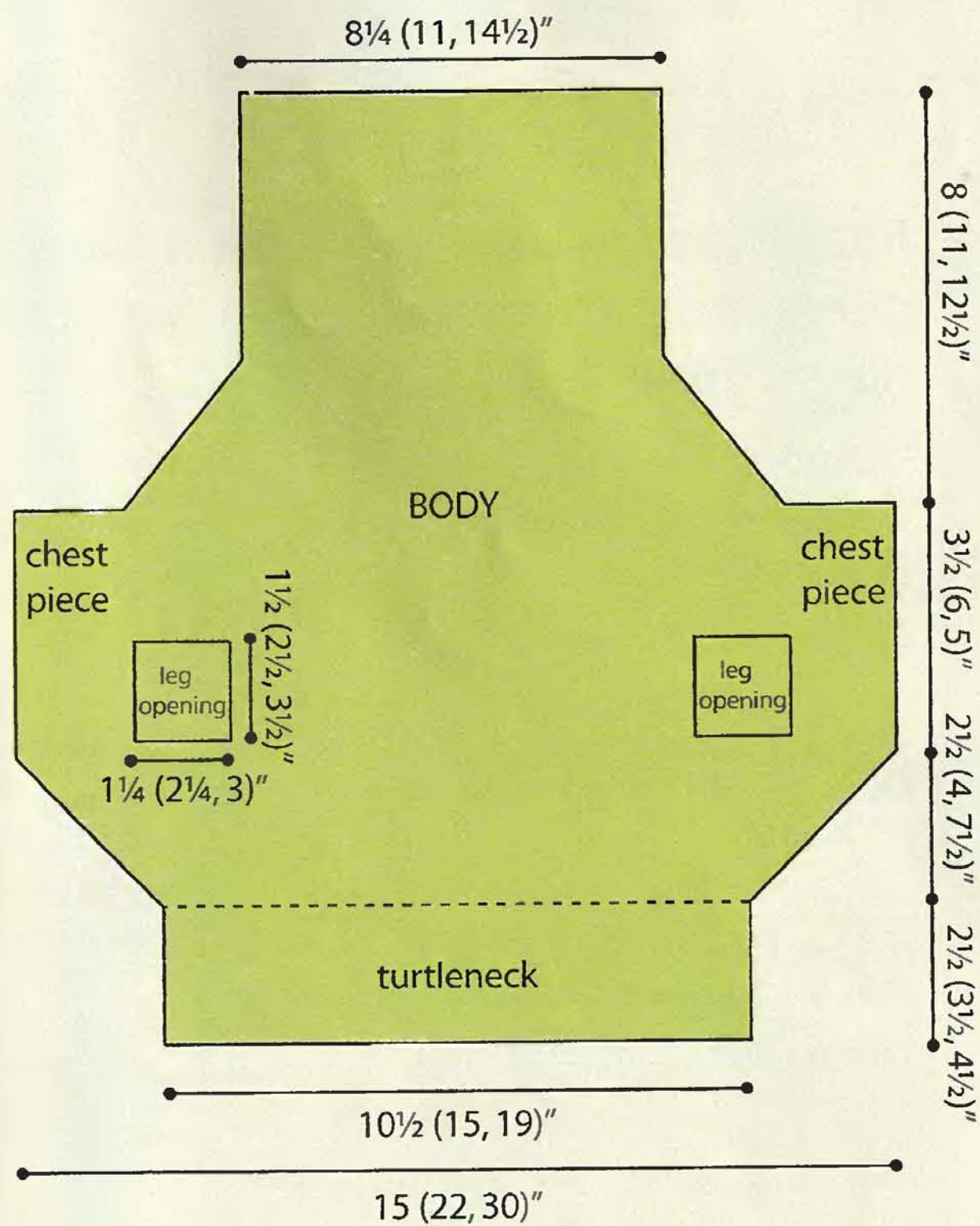
repeat these 18 rows as needed

☐ #6341 Millennium (A)

🟨 #6661 Meadow (B)

🟦 #6382 Country Blue (C)

⬛ #6012 Black (D) - work in surface sl st

27 sts

back-to-school tote

Felted granny squares make a fun flap on this generously sized messenger bag, perfect for school days or any days.

By Shiri Mor

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements

Approx 16½"/42cm wide x 11"/28cm high x 3½"/9cm deep

gauge
before felting

13 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet;

1 granny square = 8" x 8"/20.5cm x 20.5cm

after felting

18 sts and 19 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet;

1 granny square = 5½" x 5½"/14cm x 14cm

how to make a gauge swatch

Ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—13 sc.

Rows 2–16 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

notes

1 Gauge is not critical for this item, as long as the pre-felted fabric is loose.

2 Placing some cotton T-shirts in the washing machine along with the bag (and perhaps inside the bag) will help the agitation and felting process.

BAG
base

With A, ch 76.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—75 sc.

Rows 2–16 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 17 Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across (ridge formed).

Rows 18–32 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Fold base in half along ridge to form a double layer of fabric.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
lp(s)	loop(s)
rem	remain(ing)
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
sl st(s)	slip stitch(es)
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)

yo   yarn over

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

( ) Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.

[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

special abbreviations

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Round 33 Working through both thicknesses around edges of base, [ch 1, work 75 sl sts evenly spaced along long edge, ch 1, work 15 sl sts evenly spaced along short edge] twice—180 sl sts and 4 ch-1 sps. Do not fasten off.

sides

Round 1 (outside of bag facing) Ch 1, turn, [sc in next 15 sl sts, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next 75 sl sts, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp] twice; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, turn, [sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 75 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 15 sts] twice; join with sl st in first sc—184 sts.

Round 3 Ch 1, turn, [sc in next 15 sts, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 75 sts, ch 1, sk next st] twice; join with sl st in first sc—180 sts and 4 ch-1 sps.

Rounds 4–37 Repeat Rounds 2 and 3.

Rounds 38–41 Fasten off A. Join B with sl st in same st as join; with B, repeat Rounds 2 and 3 twice.

Rounds 42–45 Fasten off B. Join A with sl st in same st as join; with A, repeat Rounds 2 and 3 twice.

Rounds 46–49 Repeat Rounds 38–41.

Round 50 Fasten off B. Join A with sl st in same st

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as join, with A, repeat Round 2.

Round 51 Ch 1, turn, [sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] twice, sc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, [sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] 12 times, sc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, [sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] twice, sc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 75 sts, ch 1, sk last st; join with sl st in first sc—164 sts and 4 ch-1 sps.

Round 52 Ch 1, turn, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 75 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 13 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 63 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 13 sts; join with sl st in first sc—168 sts.

Row 53 (inside of bag facing) Do not turn, sl st in next 75 sts; leave rem sts unworked. Fasten off.

top panel

Row 1 With outside of bag facing, join A with sc in last sl st made, sc in next 74 sl sts; leave rem sts unworked—75 sc.

Rows 2–10 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 11 Ch 1, turn, working in back lps only, sc in each st across (ridge formed).

Rows 12–20 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. Do not fasten off.

Fold panel in half along ridge to form a double layer of fabric.

Row 21 Working through both thicknesses around panel, ch 1, turn, work 75 sl sts evenly spaced along long edge (joining last row of panel to inside edge bag), ch 1, work 10 sl sts evenly spaced along short edge (joining edges), ch 1, work 75 sl sts evenly spaced along opposite long edge (along fold/ridge), ch 1, work 10 sl sts evenly spaced along opposite short edge (joining edges). Fasten off.

GRANNY SQUARE FLAP
Granny Square (make 6)

With C, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2 here and throughout), [3 dc in ring, ch 2] 3 times, 2 dc in ring; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—12 dc and 4 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

Round 2 Join A in any ch-2 sp, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp (corner made), ch 1; repeat from * 2 more times, 2 dc in same ch-2 sp as beginning; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch (first corner completed)—4 corners and 4 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

Round 3 Join D in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next

ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from * 2 more times, 2 dc in same ch-2 sp as beginning; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch. Do not fasten off.

Round 4 Sl st into next ch-2 sp, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp] twice, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp] twice, ch 1; repeat from * 2 more times, 2 dc in same ch-2 sp as beginning; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Round 5 Join A in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp] 3 times, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp] 3 times, ch 1; repeat from * 2 more times, 2 dc in same ch-2 sp as beginning; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Round 6 Join B in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 5, 3 dc in same ch-2 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp] 4 times, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp] 4 times, ch 1; repeat from * 2 more times, 2 dc in same ch-2 sp as beginning; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch. Fasten off.

STRAP

note The first 51 rows of the strap are a single thickness that is sewn to one side of the bag. The next section is a double thickness (a tube) which serves as the handle. The final 51 rows are a single thickness that is sewn to the opposite side of the bag.

first side

With B, ch 16.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—15 sc.

Rows 2–51 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

handle

Round 1 Ch 1, turn, working in front lps only, sc in each st across; ch 1, turn, working in back lps of same row, sc in each st across, ch 1; join with sl st in first sc—30 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Round 2 Ch 1, turn, *sc in next ch-1 sp, [sc in next 3 sts, sk next st] 3 times, sc in next 3 sts; repeat from * once more; join with sl st in first sc—26 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, turn, [sc in next 12 sts, ch 1, sk next st] twice; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc and 2 ch-1 sps.

Round 4 Ch 1, turn, [sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 12 sts] twice; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 5–8 Fasten off B. Join A with sl st in same st as join; with A, repeat Rounds 3 and 4 twice.

Rounds 9–12 Fasten off A. Join B with sl st in same st as join; with B, repeat Rounds 3 and 4 twice.

Rounds 13–16 Repeat Rounds 5–8.

Rounds 17–96 Fasten off A. Join B with sl st in same st as join; with B, repeat Rounds 3 and 4 40 times.

Rounds 97–108 Repeat Rounds 5–16.

Rounds 109 and 110 Fasten off A. Join B with sl st in same st as join; with B, repeat Rounds 3 and 4 once.

Round 111 Ch 1, turn, *[sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st; repeat from * once more; join with sl st in first sc—30 sts and 2 ch-1 sps.

Round 112 Ch 1, turn, [sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next 15 sts] twice; join with sl st in first sc—30 sts.

second side

Flatten the handle, with ch-1 sps along side edges.

Row 1 Ch 1, turn, working through both layers of fabric, sc in each st across—15 sts.

Rows 2–52 Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

finishing
reinforce edges and corners

With right side facing, join A with sl st in top edge of bag, just past side edge of top panel. Work sl sts evenly spaced around top edge of bag to other side edge of top panel. Fasten off.

With right side facing, join A with sl st in any corner of the base. Work sl sts from corner to top edge along side ch-1 sps. Fasten off. Repeat on rem three bag corners.

With right side facing, join B with sl st in center of one end of handle section of strap (B-colored middle section). Work sl sts along center of handle section to join the two layers of fabric. Fasten off.

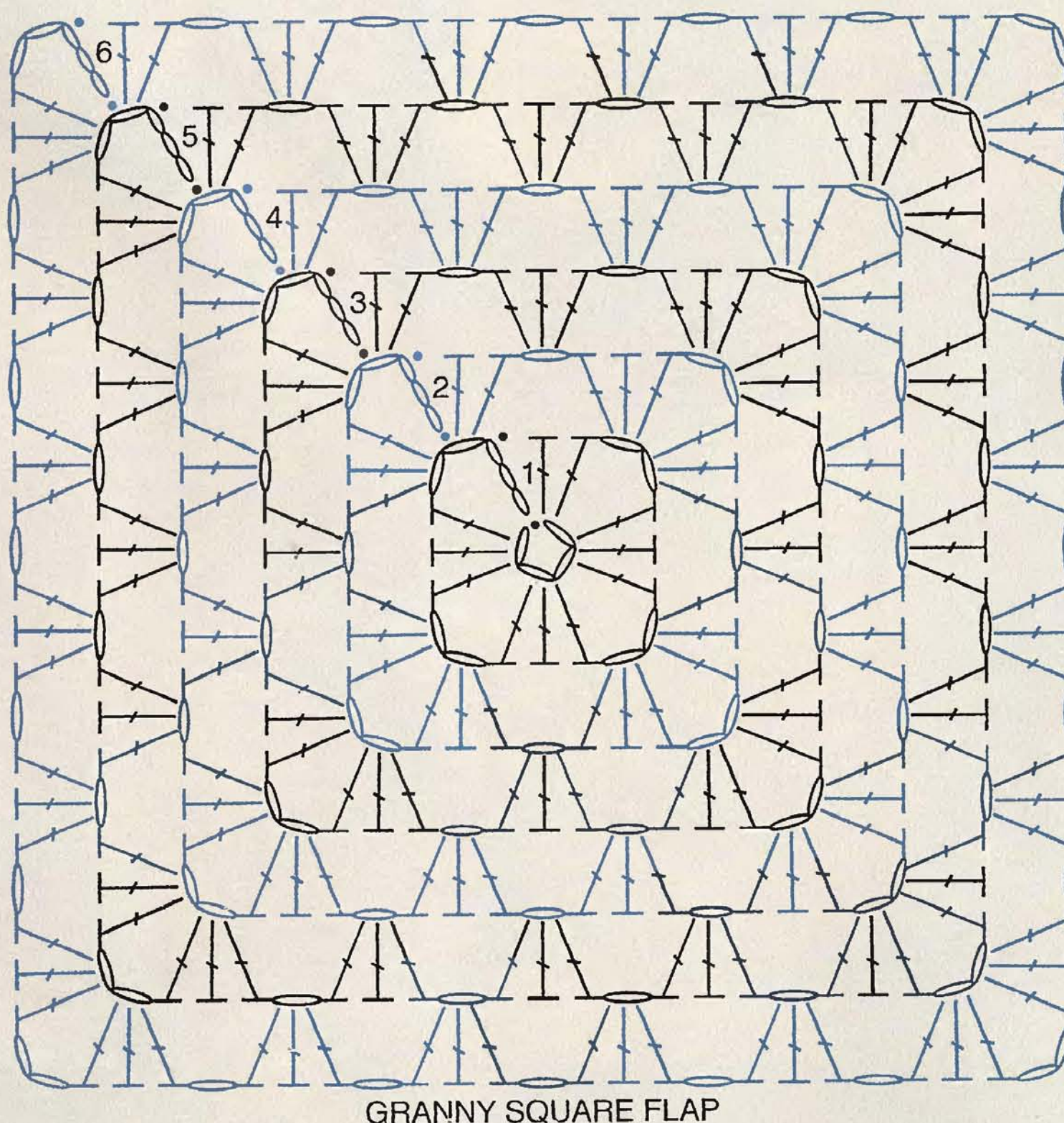Whipstitch the Granny Squares together into a rectangle of 2 rows of 3 squares each. Sew the Granny Square Flap to the edge of the top panel. Sew flat side sections of strap to sides of bag (take care that handle is not twisted).

Weave in all ends.

felt

Set washing machine for hot wash and cold rinse. Place bag in washing machine along with a few cotton T-shirts or old jeans and a small amount of laundry soap. Felting results vary greatly based on the type of washing machine, length of wash cycle, water temperature and quality, gauge, etc. Check your results frequently and continue felting until the desired results are achieved. This may require multiple wash cycles.

When desired amount of felting has been achieved remove piece and rinse thoroughly. Be sure to remove bag before the spin cycle. Creases that are introduced during the spin cycle can be difficult to remove. Block piece into shape and allow it to finish drying. ■

stitch diagram

GRANNY SQUARE FLAP

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Sweet embroidery is the finishing touch on this adorable little sweater. Layer it over a colorful outfit for a look budding fashionistas will love!

By Candi Jensen

SKILL LEVEL: easy

sizes
12 (18, 24) months

finished measurements
chest: 21 (24, 27)"/53.5 (61, 68.5)cm

length: 11 (12½, 14)"/28 (31.5, 35.5)cm

gauge
16 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over (sc, ch 1) pattern as established.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 17.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, *ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across—9 sc and 7 ch-1 sps.

Rows 2–18 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

BACK
With A, ch 47 (51, 55).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, *ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across—24 (26, 28) sc and 22 (24, 26) ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 6 (7, 8)"/15 (18, 20.5)cm from beginning.

shape armholes
Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sk next sc, sl st in next 3 sts, ch 1, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * to last 4 sts; leave last 4 sts unworked—20 (22, 24) sc and 18 (20, 22) ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 1"/2.5cm from armhole shaping. End with a right side

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch	chain	st(s)	stitch(es)
dc	double crochet	yo	yarn over
dec	decrease(ing)		
inc	increase(ing)		
lp(s)	loop(s)		
sc	single crochet		
sk	skip		
sl st	slip stitch		
sp(s)	space(s)		

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

( ) Work directions in parentheses into stitch indicated.

[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

special abbreviations

3dc-Cl (3 dc cluster) Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook (2 lps on hook); [yo, insert hook in same st, yo and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook (1 additional lp on hook)] twice, yo and draw through all 4 lps on hook.

lacy-shell (Dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st.

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Row. Fasten off.

yoke
Row 1 Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Row 2 (lacy-shells) Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, *sc in next sc, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, lacy-shell in next sc, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp; repeat from * to last 2 sc; sk next sc, sc in last sc—9 (10, 11) shells.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc; working in ch-1 sps of Row 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc—20 (22, 24) sc and 18 (20, 22) ch-1 sps.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat Row 4 until piece measures 5 (5½, 6)"/12.5 (14, 15)cm from armhole shaping. Fasten off.

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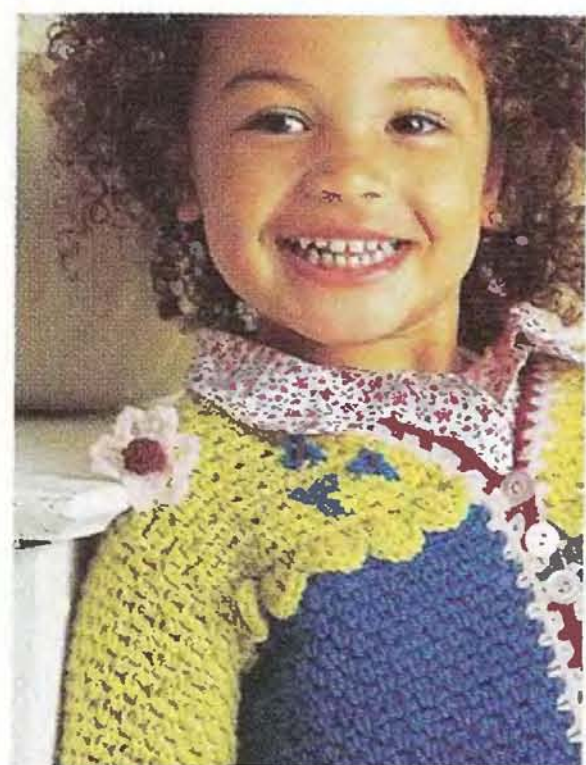
LEFT FRONT

With A, ch 23 (27, 31).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, *ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across—12 (14, 16) sc and 10 (12, 14) ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures same as back to underarm shaping.

shape armhole

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sk next sc, sl st in next 3 sts, ch 1, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc—10 (12, 14) sc and 8 (10, 12) ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures same as back to yoke. End with a right side Row. Fasten off.

yoke

Rows 1 and 2 Work Rows 1 and 2 of back yoke—4 (5, 6) lacy-shells.

Row 3 Work Row 3 of back yoke—10 (12, 14) sc and 8 (10, 12) ch-1 sps.

Rows 4 and 5 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

shape neck

Row 1 (right side – dec) Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * to last 2 sts, sc2tog—10 (12, 14) sc and 7 (9, 11) ch-1 sps.

Row 2 (wrong side – dec) Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc—9 (11, 13) sc and 7 (9, 11) ch-1 sps.

Rows 3–10 (14, 16) Repeat last 2 Rows 4 (6, 7) more times—5 (5, 6) sc and 3 (3, 4) ch-1 sps.

size 24 months only:
Row 17 Repeat Row 1—6 sc and 3 ch-1 sps.

all sizes:
Row 11 (15, 18) Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat last Row until piece measures same as back to shoulder. Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as for left front to underarm shaping.

shape armhole

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp;

repeat from * to last 4 sts; leave last 4 sts unworked—10 (12, 14) sc and 8 (10, 12) ch-1 sps.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures same as back to yoke. End with a right side Row. Fasten off.

yoke

Rows 1 and 2 Work Rows 1 and 2 of back yoke—4 (5, 6) lacy-shells.

Row 3 Work Row 3 of back yoke—10 (12, 14) sc and 8 (10, 12) ch-1 sps.

Rows 4 and 5 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

shape neck

Row 1 (right side – dec) Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, ch 1, sk next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc—10 (12, 14) sc and 7 (9, 11) ch-1 sps.

Row 2 (wrong side – dec) Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last 2 sts, sc2tog—9 (11, 13) sc and 7 (9, 11) ch-1 sps.

Rows 3–10 (14, 16) Repeat last 2 Rows 4 (6, 7) more times—5 (5, 6) sc and 3 (3, 4) ch-1 sps.

size 24 months only:
Row 17 Repeat Row 1—6 sc and 3 ch-1 sps.

all sizes:
Row 11 (15, 18) Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat last Row until piece measures same as back to shoulder. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (make 2)

With B, ch 25 (27, 29).

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, *ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across—13 (14, 15) sc and 11 (12, 13) ch-1 sps.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Row 4 (inc) Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, ch 1 (inc made), *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, 2 sc in last sc (inc made)—14 (15, 16) sc and 12 (13, 14) ch-1 sps.

Rows 5–7 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Row 8 (inc) Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next sc (inc made), ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * to last sc, ch 1 (inc made), sc in last sc—15 (16, 17) sc and 13 (14,

15) ch-1 sps.

Rows 9–11 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Rows 12–27 (35, 35) Repeat Rows 4–11, 2 (3, 3) more times—19 (22, 23) sc and 17 (20, 21) ch-1 sps.

sizes 12 (24) months only:

Rows 28 (35) Repeat Row 4—20 (24) sc and 18 (22) ch-1 sps.

all sizes:

Row 29 (36, 36) Repeat Row 5 (9, 5)—20 (22, 24) sc and 18 (20, 22) ch-1 sps.

Repeat last row until piece measures 7½ (8½, 9)"/19 (21.5, 23)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

POCKET (make 2)

With C, ch 11.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, *ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across—6 sc and 4 ch-1 sps.

Row 2 (inc) Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, ch 1, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—7 sc and 5 ch-1 sps.

Row 3 (inc) Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * to last sc, ch 1, sc in last sc—8 sc and 6 ch-1 sps.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc.

Repeat last row until piece measures 3"/7.5cm. Fasten off C.

Next Row (right side) Join D with sc in first sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc. Fasten off D.

finishing

Sew shoulder seams. Aligning center of sleeve with shoulder seam, sew sleeve in place, sewing 1"/2.5cm of sleeve side to each underarm. Sew sleeve and side seams.

cuff trim

Round 1 With right side facing, join B with sl st in sleeve seam; ch 1, working along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in first sc, *sk ch-1 sp, lacy-shell in next sc, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * to last st, sk last st; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Repeat on other sleeve.

lower trim

Row 1 With right side facing, join A with sl st in lower front corner; ch 1, working along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in first sc, *sk ch-1 sp, lacy-shell in next sc, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * across lower edge to last st, sc in last st. Fasten off.

front trim

Row 1 (right side) With right side facing, join C with sc in lower front corner; work [sc, ch 1] evenly up front edge, around neck edge and down opposite front edge, ending with sc in opposite lower front corner.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc. Fasten off.

mark for buttonholes Place a st marker in sc at beginning of right front neck shaping, [sk next sc below marker and place another marker in next sc] twice.

Row 3 (right side – buttonhole row) With right side facing, join D with sc in lower front corner; sc in next ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp] to first marker, [ch 2 (for buttonhole), sk next (marked) sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp] 3 times, ch 1, sk next sc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * to last sc, sc in last sc. Fasten off.

Sew buttons on left front opposite buttonholes.

embroidery flowers

Use photograph as a guide. With A, embroider lazy daisy flowers on pockets; with B work French knots for flower centers. With A, embroider lazy daisy flowers on right front yoke; with D work French knots for flower centers. With C, embroider lazy daisy flowers on left front yoke; with D work French knots for flower centers. With D, embroider lazy daisy flowers on right sleeve; with A work French knots for flower centers. With D, embroider a large, lazy daisy flower on left sleeve; with A work French knot for flower center.
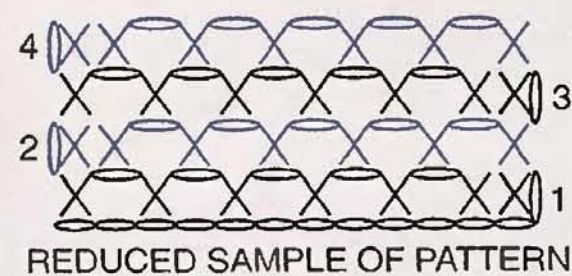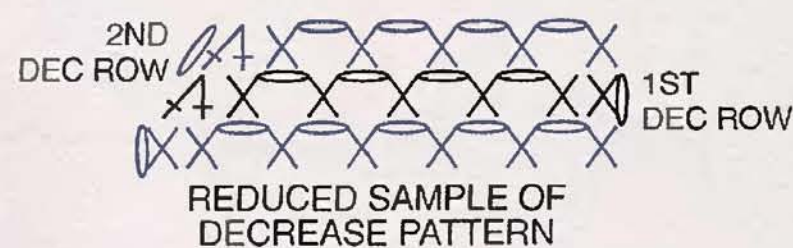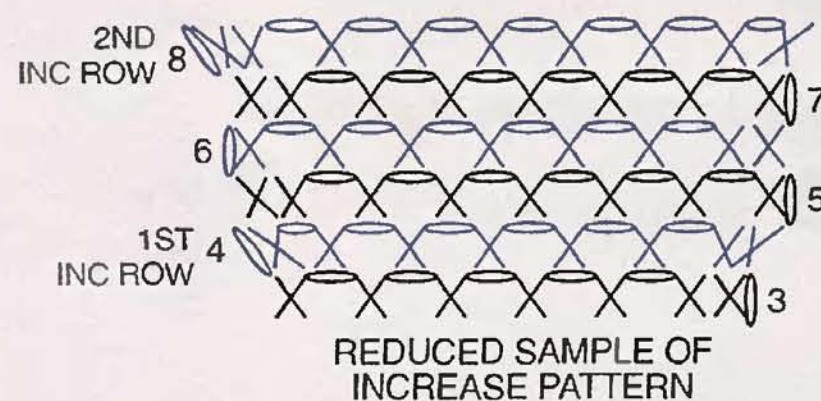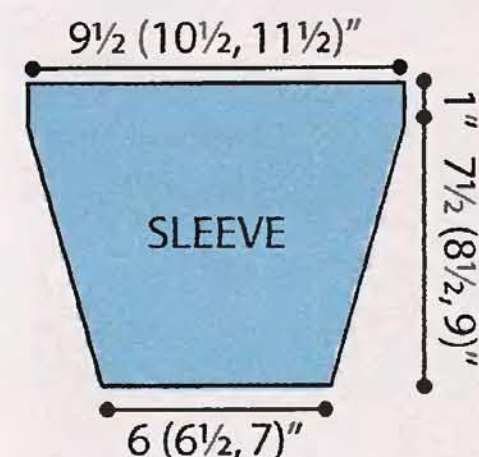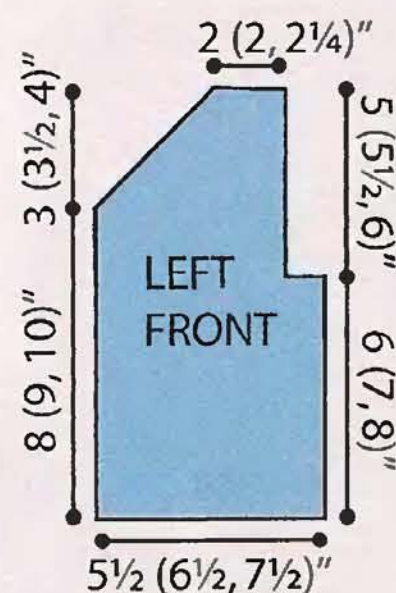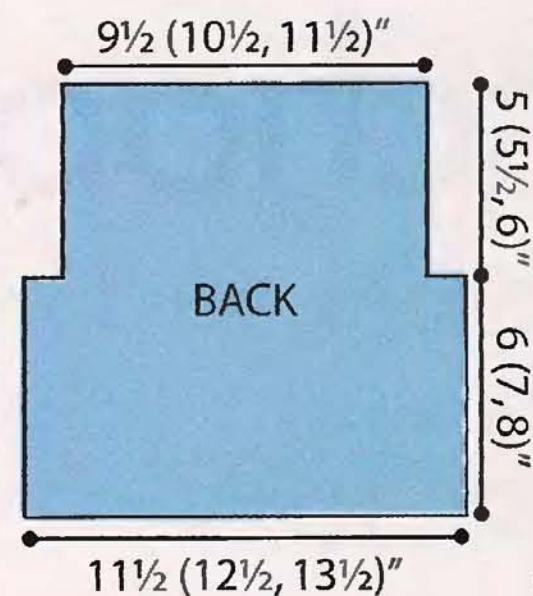
flower embellishment

With C, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 5, [sc in next st, ch 5] 6 times; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off. Sew flower on upper right front yoke.

Center With D, ch 4, 3dc-CI in 4th ch from hook. Fasten off. Use yarn tails to sew center through center of flower.

Weave in all ends. ■

9½ (10½, 11½)"
5 (5½, 6)"
6 (7, 8)"
BACK
11½ (12½, 13½)"

2 (2, 2¼)"
3 (3½, 4)"
8 (9, 10)"
5 (5½, 6)"
6 (7, 8)"
LEFT FRONT
5½ (6½, 7½)"

9½ (10½, 11½)"
1"
7½ (8½, 9)"
SLEEVE
6 (6½, 7)"

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REDUCED SAMPLE OF LACY-SHELL PATTERN

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6
1ST INC ROW 4
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5
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REDUCED SAMPLE OF INCREASE PATTERN

2ND DEC ROW 4
4
1ST DEC ROW
REDUCED SAMPLE OF DECREASE PATTERN

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REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN

school-days cardigan

Send your little student back to school in style with this varsity sweater. Stitched mostly in half double crochet in a chunky gauge, it's surprisingly quick and easy!

By Kj Hay

what you'll need

YARN
RED HEART *Collage*, 3½oz/100g balls, each approx 218yd/200m (acrylic)

■ 3 (3, 4, 4) balls #2940 Wood Trail (A)

TLC *Essentials*, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 312yd/285m (acrylic)

■ 1 (1, 1, 1) skein #2915 Cranberry (B)

CROCHET HOOK
■ Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or *any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS
■ 3 (3, 4, 4) buttons—½"–⅝"/ 13-16mm diameter
■ Stitch markers
■ Yarn needle

the yarn

(4) *Collage* in Wood Trail

(4) *Essentials* in Cranberry

sizes
6 (8, 10, 12) years

finished chest: 26 (28, 30, 32)"/66 (71, 76, 81.5)cm
finished length: 17 (18½, 20, 21)"/43 (47, 51, 53.5)cm
note Edging adds approx. 1"/2.5cm to measurements

gauge
13 hdc and 10 rows = 4"/10cm
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 14.

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped chs count as hdc), hdc in each rem ch across—13 hdc.

Rows 2–10 Ch 2 (counts as hdc), turn; hdc in next st and in each st across. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

BACK
Starting at bottom with A, ch 43 (47, 50, 53).

Row 1 (wrong side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped chs count as hdc), hdc in each rem ch across—42 (46, 49, 52) sts.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 2 (counts as hdc now and throughout), turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures approx. 9½ (10½, 11½, 12½)"/24 (26.5, 29, 31.5)cm from beginning, ending by working a right side Row.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

bet between
ch(s) chain(s)
hdc half double crochet
lp(s) loop(s)
rem remain(ing)
sc single crochet
sk skip
sl st slip stitch

sp(s) space(s)
st(s) stitch(es)
tog together
yo yarn over

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[ ] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

special abbreviations

hdc2tog (hdc 2 sts tog) [Yo, insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 5 lps on hook.

sc2tog (sc 2 sts tog) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Raglan Armholes Shaping
Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 1, turn; sk first st, sl st in next 2 (3, 3, 4) sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st and in each st across to last 2 (3, 3, 4) sts; leave last 2 (3, 3, 4) sts unworked—38 (40, 43, 44) sts.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—34 (36, 39, 40) sts at end of Row 3.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Rows 5-19 Repeat Rows 2-4, 5 more times—14 (16, 19, 20) sts at end of Row 19. At end of last Row, fasten off size 6 only.

tip
To prevent a sp at the beginning of each row, link the 2nd hdc to the turning ch, as follows: after turning ch, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a lp, insert hook in next st and draw up a lp, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

Go for it!
Give this
easy sweater
a try.

school-days cardigan

For sizes 8, 10 and 12 only

Row(s) 20 (20-21, 20-21) Repeat Row 2, 1 (2, 2) more time—14 (14, 15, 16) sts at end of last Row. At end of last Row, fasten off.

LEFT FRONT

Starting at bottom with A, ch 22 (24, 25, 27).

Row 1 (wrong side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped chs count as hdc), hdc in each rem ch across—21 (23, 24, 26) sts.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures approx. 8½ (9½, 10½, 11½)"/21.5 (24, 26.5, 29)cm from beginning, ending by working a wrong side Row (work 3 Rows less than Back to Armhole Shaping).

Neck Shaping

Row 1 (right side) Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—20 (22, 23, 25) sts.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Raglan Armhole Shaping and Neck Shaping

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 (3, 3, 4) sts; leave last 2 (3, 3, 4) sts unworked—18 (19, 20, 21) sts.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across—17 (18, 19, 20) sts.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—15 (16, 17, 18) sts.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—14 (15, 16, 17) sts.

Rows 6 and 7 Repeat Rows 2 and 4—13 (14, 15, 16) sts.

Row 8 Repeat Row 3—11 (12, 13, 14) sts.

Row 9 Repeat Row 5—10 (11, 12, 13) sts.

Rows 10-12 Repeat Rows 4-6—8 (9, 10, 11) sts at end of Row 12.

Rows 13 and 14 Repeat Row 2 twice—6 (7, 8, 9) sts at end of Row 14.

Row 15 Repeat Row 5—5 (6, 7, 8) sts at end of Row 16.

Rows 16 and 17 Repeat Rows 4 and 5—4 (5, 6, 7) sts at end of last Row.

For size 6 only

Row 18 Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc2tog—2 sts.

Row 19 Repeat Row 4. Fasten off.

For size 8 only

Row 18 Ch 2, turn; [hdc2tog] twice—3 sts.

Row 19 Repeat Row 4.

Row 20 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog—2 sts. Fasten off.

For sizes 10 and 12 only

Rows 18 and 19 Repeat Rows 3 and 4—4 (5) sts.

Row 20 Repeat Row 2—3 (4) sts.

For size 10 only

Row 21 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog—2 sts. Fasten off.

For size 12 only

Row 21 Ch 2, turn; sk next st, hdc2tog—2 sts. Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Work same as Left Front to Neck Shaping.

Neck Shaping

Row 1 (right side) Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across—20 (22, 23, 25) sts.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Raglan Armhole Shaping and Neck Shaping

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 1, turn; sk first st, sl st in next 2 (3, 3, 4) sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st and in each st across—18 (19, 20, 21) sts.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—17 (18, 19, 20) sts.

Row 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—15 (16, 17, 18) sts.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Row 5 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—14 (15, 16, 17) sts.

Rows 6-19 (6-20, 6-21, 6-21) Work same as Rows 6-19 (6-20, 6-21, 6-21) on Left Front, repeating instructions for Right Front Rows instead of Left Front Rows as indicated.

SLEEVES (make 2)

Starting at bottom with A, ch 27 (29, 29, 31).

Row 1 (wrong side) Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped chs count as hdc), hdc in each rem ch across—26 (28, 28, 30) sts.

Rows 2-7 (2-6, 2-5, 2-6) Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Row 8 (7, 6, 7) Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st—28 (30, 30, 32) sts.

Rows 9-15 (8-13, 7-11, 8-13) Ch 2, turn; hdc in next

st and in each st across.

Row 16 (14, 12, 14) Repeat Row 8 (7, 6, 7)—30 (32, 32, 34) sts.

Rows 17-24 (15-28, 13-30, 15-35) Repeat Rows 9-16 (8-14, 7-12, 8-14), 1 (2, 3, 3) more time—32 (36, 38, 40) sts at end of last Row.

For sizes 6, 8 and 10 only
Rows 25-27 (29-30, 31-33) Repeat Row 2, 3 (2, 3) more times.

Raglan Armhole Shaping
Row 1 Ch 1, turn; sk first st, sl st in next 2 (3, 3, 4) sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st and in each st across to last 2 (3, 3, 4) sts; leave last 2 (3, 3, 4) sts unworked—28 (30, 32, 32) sts.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st—24 (26, 28, 28) sts.

Row 4 Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across.

Rows 5-19 Repeat Rows 2-4, 5 more times—4 (6, 8, 8) sts at end of last Row. At end of last Row, fasten off size 6 only.

For sizes 8, 10 and 12 only
Row(s) 20 (20-21, 20-21) Repeat Row 4, 1 (2, 2) more time. At end of last Row, fasten off.

POCKETS (make 2)
With B, ch 11 (11, 13, 13).

Row 1 Hdc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped chs count as hdc), hdc in each rem ch across—10 (10, 12, 12) sts.

Rows 2-7 (2-7, 2-8, 2-8) Ch 2, turn; hdc in next st and in each st across. At end of last Row, fasten off.

seaming
With right sides tog, sew Raglan shaping of sleeves to Raglan shaping of fronts and back. Sew side and sleeve seams.

lower edging
Row 1 With right side facing and working along opposite side of foundation ch, join B with sc in ch at lower corner of Left Front; sc in each ch across to lower corner of Right Front. Fasten off.

Row 2 With right side facing, join A with sc in first sc; sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Row 3 With B, repeat Row 2.

Row 4 With right side facing, join A with sl st in first sc; ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st and in each st across. Fasten off.

sleeve edging
Round 1 With right side facing and working along opposite side of foundation ch, join B with sl st in seam at lower edge of sleeve; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 2 With right side facing, join A with sc in first sc; sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 3 With B, repeat Round 2.

Round 4 With right side facing, join A with sl st in first sc; ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st and in each st around; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2. Fasten off.

front and neck edging
Row 1 With right side facing, join B with sc in edge of Row 4 of lower edging on Right Front; work sc evenly up edge of lower edging, up Right Front edge, around neck, down Left Front edge, and down edge of lower edging on Left Front, working sc2tog at each Raglan seam. Fasten off.

Row 2 With right side facing, join A with sc in first sc; [sc in each st across to next sc2tog, sctog] twice, [sc in each st across to st before next sc2tog, sc2tog] twice, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

place markers for buttonhole placement
Place 3 (3, 4, 4) stitch markers evenly spaced along edge of Left Front of cardigan. Place first marker approx 1"/2.5cm below beginning of neck shaping and last marker approx 1"/2.5cm above lower edge of Cardigan. Place rem marker(s) evenly spaced bet the first and last marker.

Row 3 (buttonhole row) With right side facing, join B with sc in first sc; [sc in each st across to next sc2tog, sctog] twice, [sc in each st across to st before next sc2tog, sc2tog] twice, [sc in each st across to next st marker, ch 1, sk next st (buttonhole made)] 3 (3, 4, 4) times, sc in each rem st across. Fasten off.
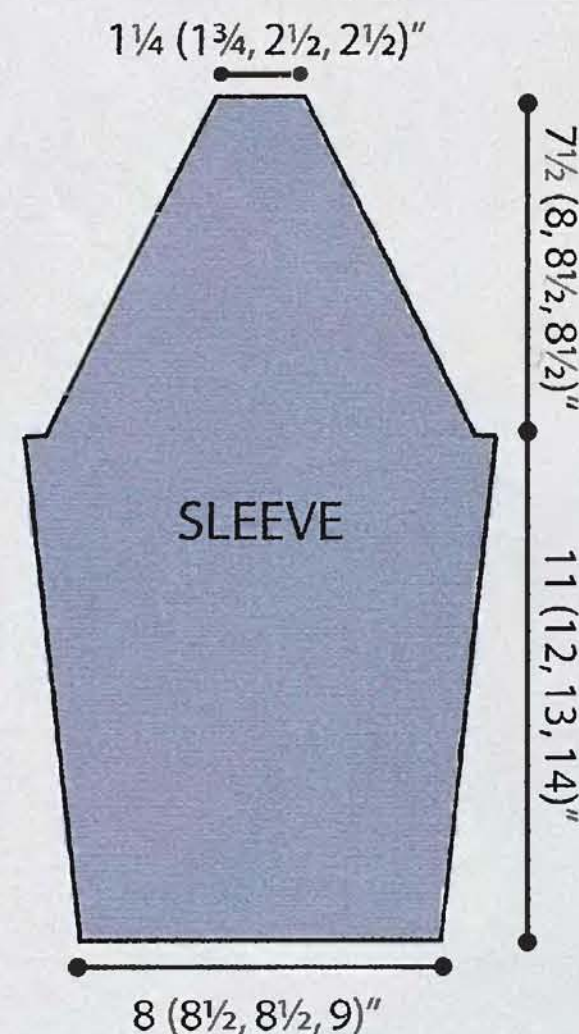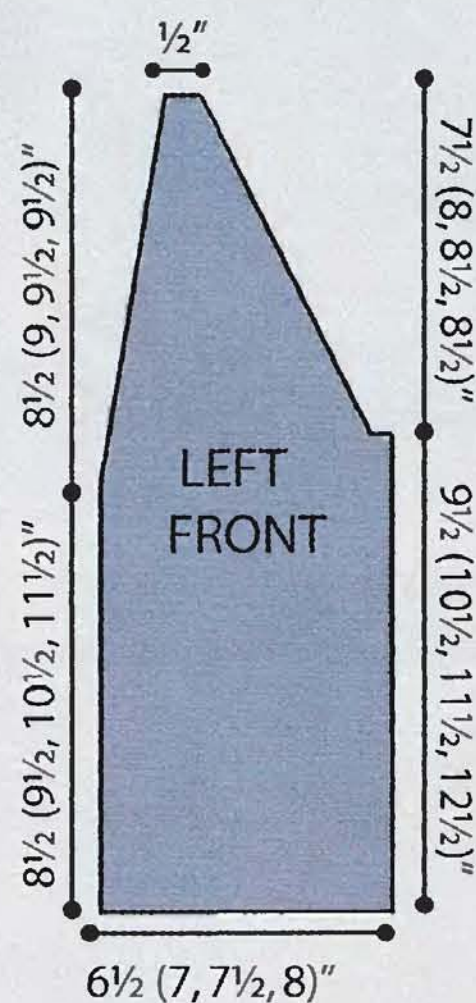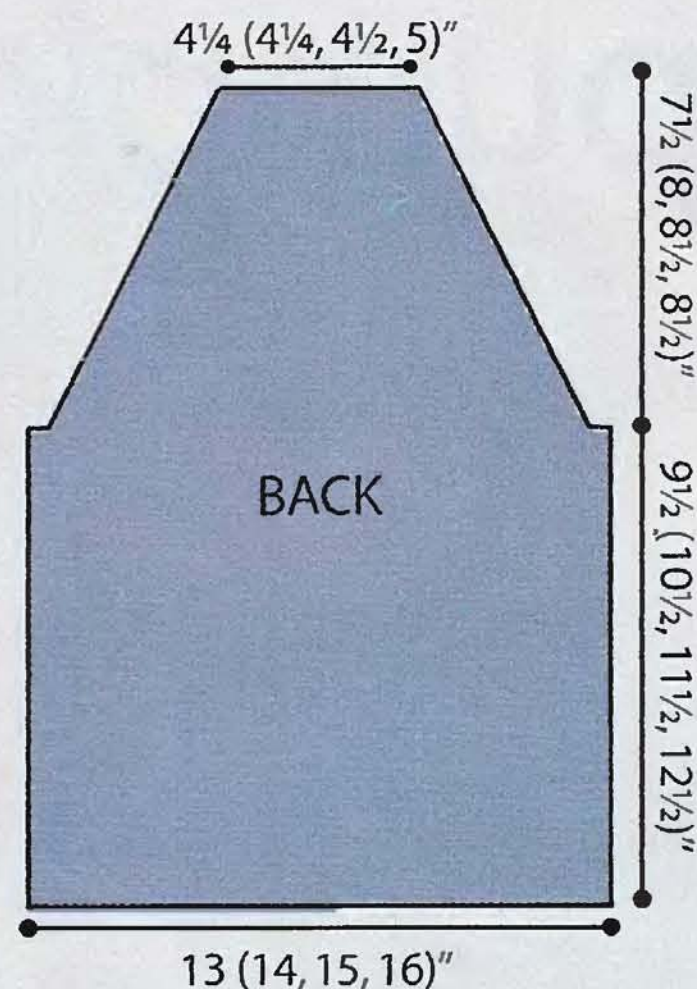
Row 4 With right side facing, join A with sl st in first sc; ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st and in each st and ch-1 sp across. Fasten off.

assembly
Sew Pockets to fronts with bottom edge of Pockets centered about 1"/2.5 cm above Row 1 of fronts. Sew buttons to Right Front opposite buttonholes.

finishing
Weave in all ends. ∎

Back

4¼ (4¼, 4½, 5)"

7½ (8, 8½, 8½)"

9½ (10½, 11½, 12½)"

13 (14, 15, 16)"

½"

LEFT FRONT

8½ (9, 9½, 9½)"

7½ (8, 8½, 8½)"

9½ (10½, 11½, 12½)"

8½ (9½, 10½, 11½)"

6½ (7, 7½, 8)"

1¼ (1¾, 2½, 2½)"

SLEEVE

7½ (8, 8½, 8½)"

11 (12, 13, 14)"

8 (8½, 8½, 9)"

pumpkin patch cap

Top off a Halloween costume (or keep the chill away any time of year) with this too-cute hat.

By Linda Permann

SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished size
Approx 18"/45.5cm circumference

gauge
18 dc and 10 dc rows = 4"/10cm square
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 20.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), dc in next ch and in each rem ch across—18 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across, working last dc in first skipped ch.

Rows 3-10 Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across, working last dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3. Swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

HAT
Pumpkin
With A, use the double-ring method to form a ring.

note If you are unfamiliar with the double-ring method, begin by chaining 4 and joining with a sl st to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), work 11 dc in ring; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in each rem dc around; join—24 dc.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, 3 dc in next dc; *sc in next dc, 3 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—48 sts.

Round 4 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining; *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**; 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join—72 sts.

Round 5 Ch 1, 2 sc in same sc as joining; *sc in next sc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next dc**; 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join—108 sts.

Round 6 Ch 1, sc2tog in same sc as joining and in next sc; *sc in next sc, dc in next 6 dc**; sc2tog; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join—96 sts.

Round 7 Ch 1, dc2tog in same sc as joining and in next sc; *dc in next 6 dc**; dc2tog; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in first dc2tog—84 sts.

Rounds 8-13 Ch 3, dc in next dc and in each dc around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 14 Ch 3, dc in next 5 dc, sc in next dc; *dc in next 6 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * around; join.

Round 15 Ch 1, dc2tog in same ch as joining and in next dc; *dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog, sc in next sc**; dc2tog; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in first dc2tog—60 sts.

Round 16 Ch 3; *dc2tog, dc in next dc, sc in next sc**; dc in next dc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—48 sts.

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful info and instructions.

pumkin patch cap

Round 17 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, sl st in next sc; *2 dc in each of next 3 dc, sl st in next sc; repeat from * around; join—84 sts. Fasten off.

Stem

With B, use the double-ring method to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 2 (counts as hdc now and throughout), 11 hdc in ring; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—12 hdc.

Round 2 Ch 2, hdc in same ch as joining, 2 hdc in each rem hdc around; join—24 hdc.

Round 3 Ch 2, hdc in back lp of next hdc and in back lp of each hdc around; join.

Rounds 4-6 Ch 2, hdc in next hdc and in each hdc around; join. At end of round 6, fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew Stem in place.

Vine

With B, ch 28.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—27 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; 4 sc in first sc and in each sc across—108 sc. Fasten off.

assembly

Weave in beginning tail of Stem. Stuff Stem with fiberfill. Place stuffed Stem on top of Pumpkin with Round 6 of Stem at bottom. Using long tail, sew stuffed Stem to top of Pumpkin, roughly lining up Round 6 of Stem with outer edge of Round 2 of Pumpkin. Fold Vine approx 3 spirals from end so ends are uneven. Stitch fold to Stem with a length of B.
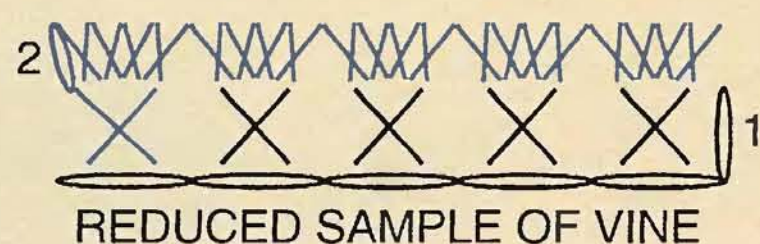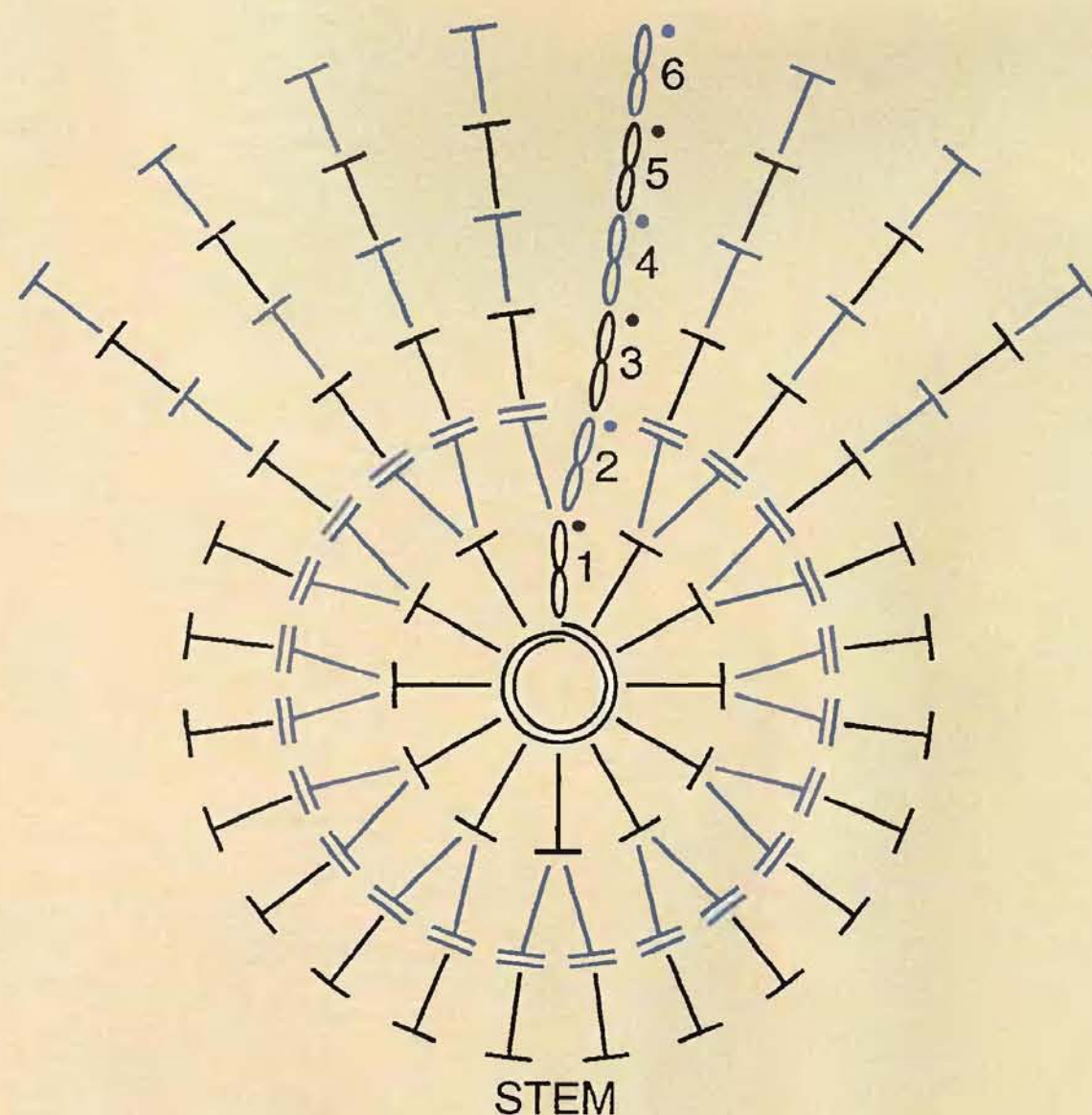
finishing

Weave in all ends. ■

stitch diagram

REDUCED SAMPLE OF VINE
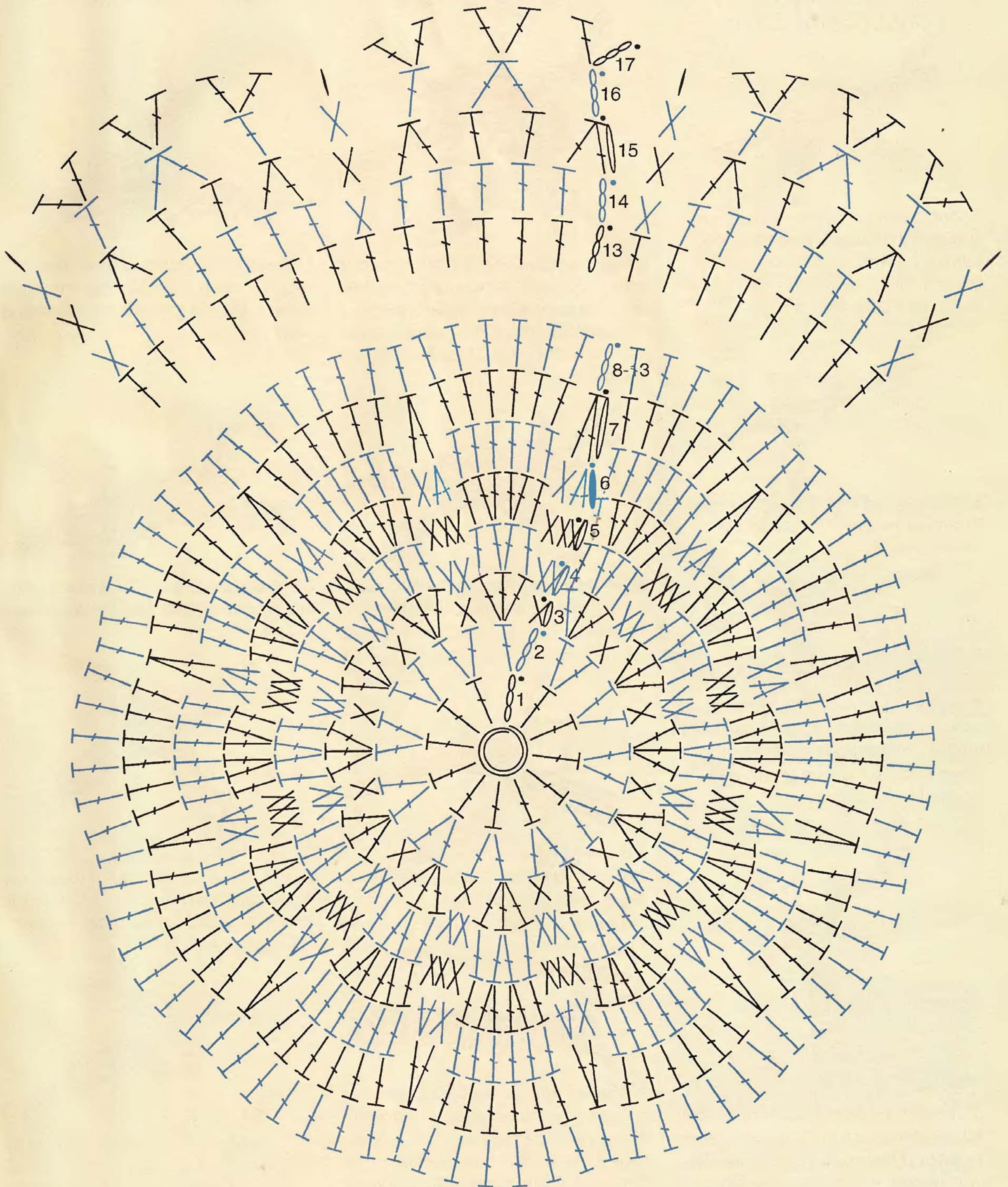
stitch diagram

STEM

stitch diagram

PUMPKIN

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